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A detailed black and white illustration of the Pegasus constellation. The Pegasus is depicted as a winged horse, rearing up on its hind legs with its front legs raised. Its wings are spread wide, showing individual feathers. The background is a starry sky with some nebulae. In the top right corner, there is a title box with the text 'SAINT SEIYA KNIGHTS OF THE ZODIAC' in a stylized font.

# SAINT SEIYA KNIGHTS OF THE ZODIAC

IN THE MYTHOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS  
THE HERO PERSEUS BEHEADED THE GORGON,  
MEDUSA.

FROM A POOL OF HER BLOOD,  
THE DIVINE HORSE--  
PEGASUS OF THE BEAUTIFUL WINGS--  
WAS BORN.

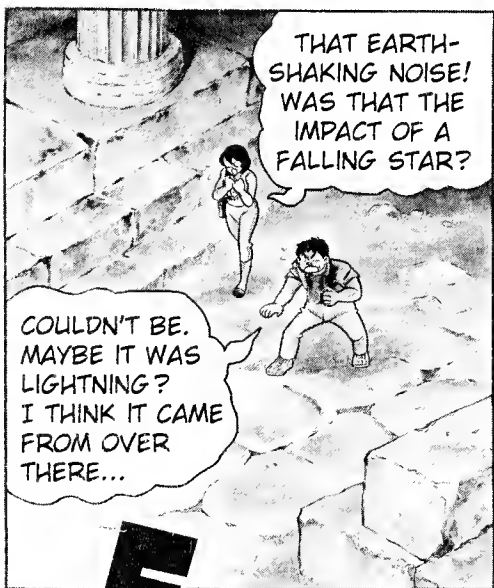
AND PEGASUS SOARED UP TO THE HEAVENS  
AND BECAME A CONSTELLATION...





## CHAPTER 1: THE KNIGHTS OF ATHENA





KA-  
DOOOOM

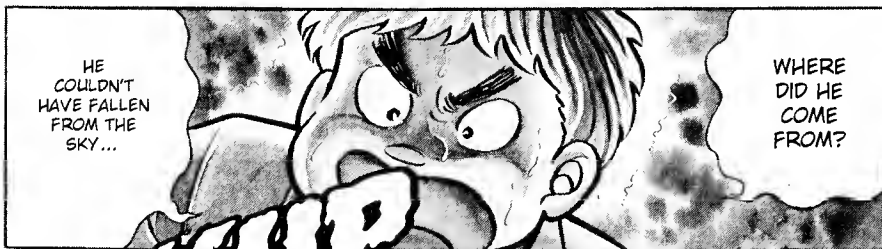
FSSSS



















SO,  
YOU WERE  
HURLED  
AWAY  
FURTHER  
THAN I  
EXPECTED.

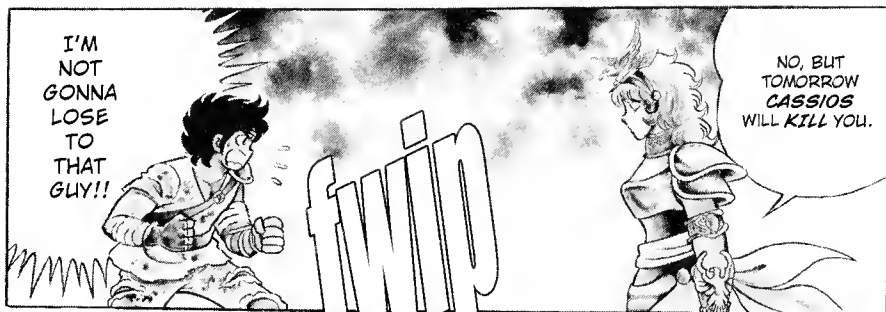
YOU  
SHOULD  
BE  
ASHAMED,  
SEIYA.

ARGH!  
MARIN!

N-NO--  
YOUR  
INSTRUCTION  
IS KILLING  
ME!!

LET'S  
RETURN TO  
SANCTUARY.  
ONLY 99  
MORE  
REPETITIONS  
TO GO.





I'M  
NOT  
GONNA  
LOSE  
TO  
THAT  
GUY!!

NO, BUT  
TOMORROW  
**CASSIOS**  
WILL KILL YOU.

fwip



fwip



I  
SUPPOSE  
IT'S  
POINTLESS  
TO  
ARGUE!!

UGH



BOOM

KA




KOFF...  
KOFF...

klank  
klank



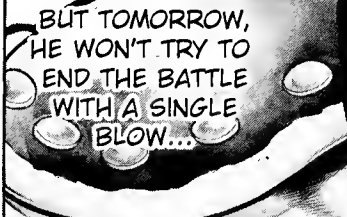
HOW DO YOU  
EXPECT TO SURVIVE  
A BATTLE WITH  
CASSIOS WHEN  
YOU CAN'T BLOCK  
EVEN ONE OF  
MY BLOWS?

BOOM



SEIYA, YOU'VE  
WITNESSED  
CASSIOS'S  
FEROCITY.

HE HAS ALREADY  
DECAPITATED NINE  
OPPONENTS, EACH  
WITH A SINGLE  
STROKE...




BUT TOMORROW,  
HE WON'T TRY TO  
END THE BATTLE  
WITH A SINGLE  
BLOW...

HE REVEALS  
IN THE  
DESTRUCTIVE  
POWER HE'S  
GAINED AT  
SANCTUARY.



HE'LL  
TAKE  
YOUR  
EARS,  
THEN  
YOUR  
NOSE...

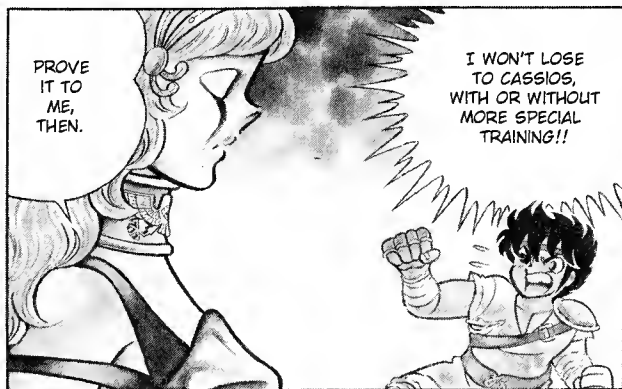
HE'LL  
PROBABLY  
ENJOY  
TAKING HIS  
TIME  
TO KILL  
YOU.

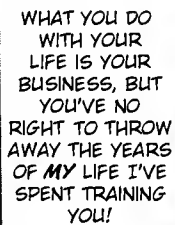


WH-WHY  
NOT?


BECAUSE  
HE BELIEVES  
YOU'RE NO  
MATCH FOR  
HIM.



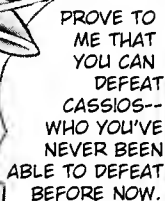




WHAT YOU DO  
WITH YOUR  
LIFE IS YOUR  
BUSINESS, BUT  
YOU'VE NO  
RIGHT TO THROW  
AWAY THE YEARS  
OF MY LIFE I'VE  
SPENT TRAINING  
YOU!



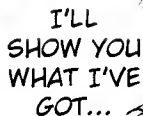
IF YOU  
CAN MAKE  
ME BELIEVE  
YOU, PERHAPS  
I CAN SLEEP  
TONIGHT.



PROVE TO  
ME THAT  
YOU CAN  
DEFEAT  
CASSIOS--  
WHO YOU'VE  
NEVER BEEN  
ABLE TO DEFEAT  
BEFORE NOW.



WATCH  
CLOSELY,  
MARIN!



I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
WHAT I'VE  
GOT...



ALL  
RIGHT!!



I'LL  
CARVE  
THE PROOF  
FROM THIS  
BARE  
GROUND!!

**ROOORRR**

A black and white manga-style illustration. In the upper right, a hand with long, dark, segmented fingers strikes a stone surface. The fingers are positioned diagonally, with the index and middle fingers pointing towards the bottom left. The stone surface is depicted with a grid of thick black lines forming rectangular blocks. Scattered around the grid and in the background are various irregular, rounded shapes representing stones or debris. The text 'WITNESS MY POWER!!' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline, slanted upwards to the right, in the upper right quadrant of the image.

**WITNESS  
MY  
POWER!!**



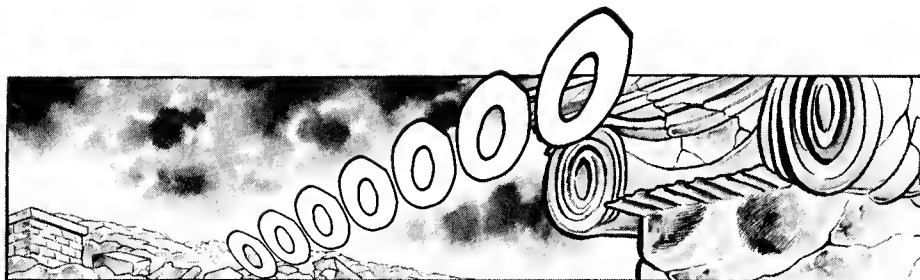
swak  
whak  
wham

IS THIS  
(A  
FLUKE!?

S-SEIYA...  
WHEN DID  
YOU...?

THAT  
I SAW  
PEGASUS  
BEHIND  
SEIYA...

NO...  
JUST  
NOW,  
I COULD  
HAVE  
SWORN...

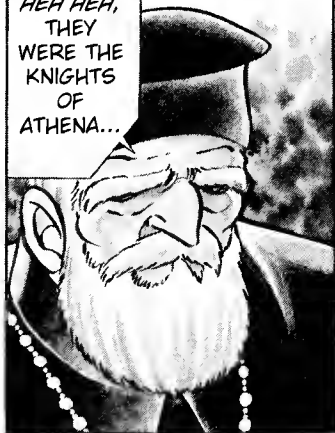




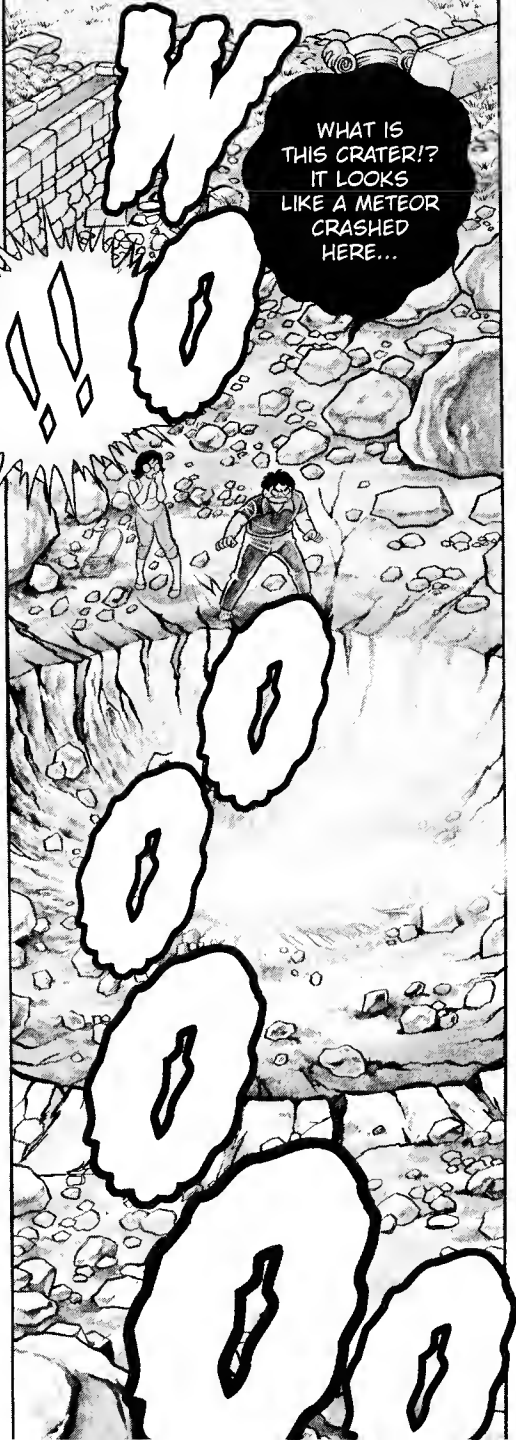
SYNTAGMA  
SQUARE,  
IN ATHENS  
GREECE



HEH HEH,  
THEY  
WERE THE  
KNIGHTS  
OF  
ATHENA...



WHAT IS  
THIS CRATER!?  
IT LOOKS  
LIKE A METEOR  
CRASHED  
HERE...



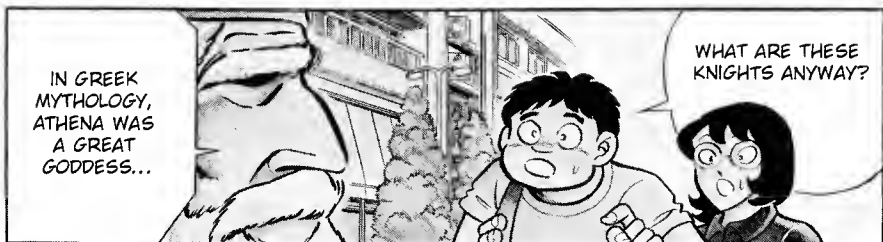


YOUR HONOR!  
THEY SCARED  
THE DEVIL OUT OF  
US! WE THOUGHT  
WE WERE GOING  
TO DIE LAST  
NIGHT, FATHER!

CONSIDER  
YOURSELVES  
LUCKY TOURISTS,  
INDEED. EVEN WE  
GREEKS RARELY  
HAVE THE HONOR  
OF MEETING THEM.



**KNIGHTS  
OF  
ATHENA!?**



IN GREEK  
MYTHOLOGY,  
ATHENA WAS  
A GREAT  
GODDESS...

WHAT ARE THESE  
KNIGHTS ANYWAY?



**ATHENA  
WAS A  
GODDESS  
OF  
BATTLE!!**

**SHE WAS  
THE DAUGHTER  
OF ZEUS, THE  
KING OF GODS.  
SHE WAS BORN  
IN FULL ARMOR...**

HER WARS WITH  
THE BRUTAL AND  
BLOODTHIRSTY  
ARES, THE GIANT  
GIGAS, AND GREAT  
POSEIDON SHOOK  
THE VERY EARTH...

BUT ATHENA DID  
NOT BELIEVE IN  
CONQUEST, SO SHE  
ONLY FOUGHT  
DEFENSIVE WARS!!





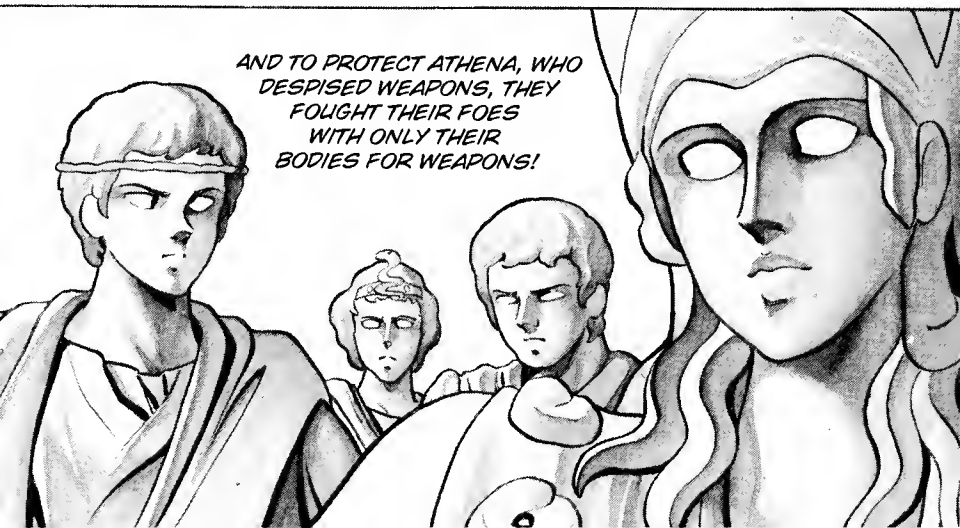
TO MORTALS,  
THESE TERRIBLE  
DEATH STRUGGLES  
BETWEEN THE GODS  
SEEMED TO LAST  
FOREVER...



THEY WERE STRONG,  
COURAGEOUS YOUTHS  
WHO GATHERED FROM  
THE FAR REACHES  
OF THE LAND!



**BUT ON THOSE BATTLEFIELDS,  
THERE WERE ALWAYS  
YOUTHS WHO SURROUNDED  
AND PROTECTED ATHENA...**



**AND TO PROTECT ATHENA, WHO  
DESPISED WEAPONS, THEY  
FOUGHT THEIR FOES  
WITH ONLY THEIR  
BODIES FOR WEAPONS!**





THEY  
SPLIT  
THE  
GROUND  
BENEATH  
THEM  
WITH  
THEIR  
FEET!



THEIR  
FISTS  
REND  
THE  
SKIES!



THE NAMES OF  
THESE VALIANT  
KNIGHTS ARE LOST  
EVEN TO THE  
RICH MYTHOLOGY  
OF THIS LAND.

EVEN NOW  
SOME BELIEVE  
THESE WARRIORS  
OF HOPE APPEAR  
WHENEVER EVIL  
THREATENS THE  
WORLD...

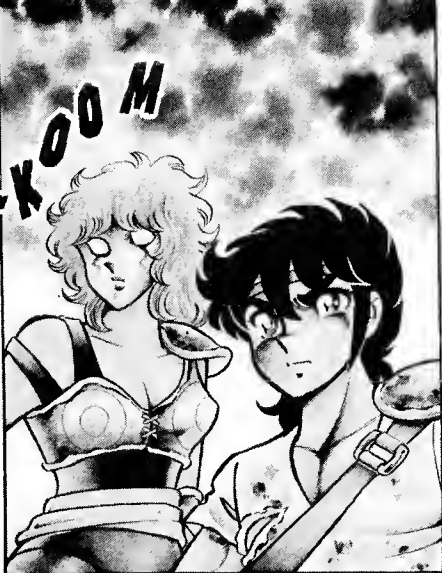
KRAK-KOOM

SEIYA  
AND  
CASSIOS!!

FWASH



KRAK-KOOM



AND  
TO  
HIM  
SHALL  
GO...

THE ONE WHO  
PREVAILS THIS  
DAY SHALL  
BECOME ONE  
OF ATHENA'S  
HONORED  
KNIGHTS.



SO FAR, YOU  
HAVE EACH  
DEFEATED NINE  
WARRIORS IN  
BATTLE.

YOU TWO  
ARE THE  
ONLY  
WARRIORS  
REMAINING.

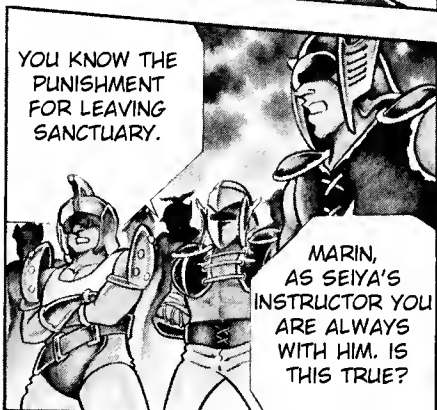


THERE IS A  
RUMOR AFOOT  
THAT SEIYA  
LEFT  
SANCTUARY  
LAST  
NIGHT...



IS  
THIS  
TRUE?

LEFT  
SAN-  
TU-  
ARY  
!?



YOU KNOW THE  
PUNISHMENT  
FOR LEAVING  
SANCTUARY.

MARIN,  
AS SEIYA'S  
INSTRUCTOR YOU  
ARE ALWAYS  
WITH HIM. IS  
THIS TRUE?



MASTER,  
THIS  
CHARGE IS  
NONSENSE!

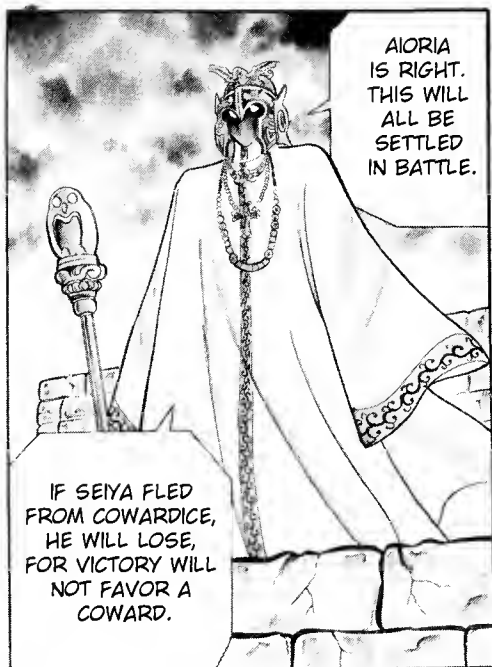
THERE MUST BE SOME  
MISTAKE. IT'S TRUE THAT  
LAST NIGHT OUR SPECIAL  
TRAINING TOOK US OUTSIDE  
OF SANCTUARY, BUT...



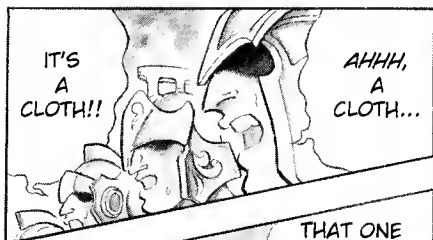
PLEASE  
WAIT,  
MASTER!

FORGIVE  
ME FOR  
INTERRUPTING  
YOU, BUT THERE  
IS SOMETHING  
I WANT TO  
SAY BEFORE  
WE BEGIN!

SPEAK,  
SHINA.

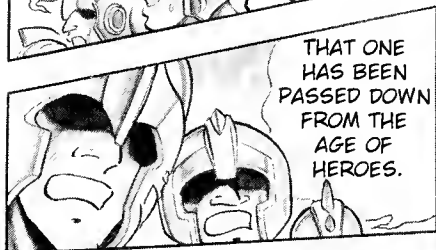






IT'S  
A  
CLOTH!!

AAAAH,  
A  
CLOTH...



THAT ONE  
HAS BEEN  
PASSED DOWN  
FROM THE  
AGE OF  
HEROES.



IT ENABLES ITS  
WEARER TO RELEASE  
THE GREATEST  
POWER OF ANY ON  
EARTH...



TRULY THE  
PROOF OF  
KNIGHTHOOD...




IT WAS TO OBTAIN  
A CLOTH THAT I CAME  
TO GREECE WHEN  
I WAS LITTLE!!

SO THAT'S  
A CLOTH...

LET THE  
CONTEST  
BEGIN!!

F  
W  
A  
S  
H

TO THE  
VICTOR I  
SHALL  
AWARD  
THIS  
CLOTH!!




PERHAPS  
THAT CLOTH  
IS WORTH  
MORE TO  
YOU THAN  
YOUR LIFE?

LITTLE SEIYA,  
YOU SHOULD  
HAVE RUN  
AWAY  
LAST NIGHT  
WHEN YOU  
HAD THE  
CHANCE.



BUT I WON'T  
LET YOU HAVE  
IT! THE CLOTH  
BELONGS TO  
ME, A GREEK!  
HA HA HA HA!



BUT ENOUGH  
TALK! I'LL  
SQUEEZE YOU  
LIKE A LEMON.

K  
R  
E  
K

AAAGH!

UGH!

DO YOU  
LIKE THAT  
IDEA, SEYA?  
HA HA HA

YES, I'LL  
DISMEMBER  
YOU LITTLE  
BY LITTLE.

BUT WAIT!  
WHAT'S THE  
HURRY? WHY  
WASTE MY  
LAST CHANCE  
TO PLAY  
WITH YOU?

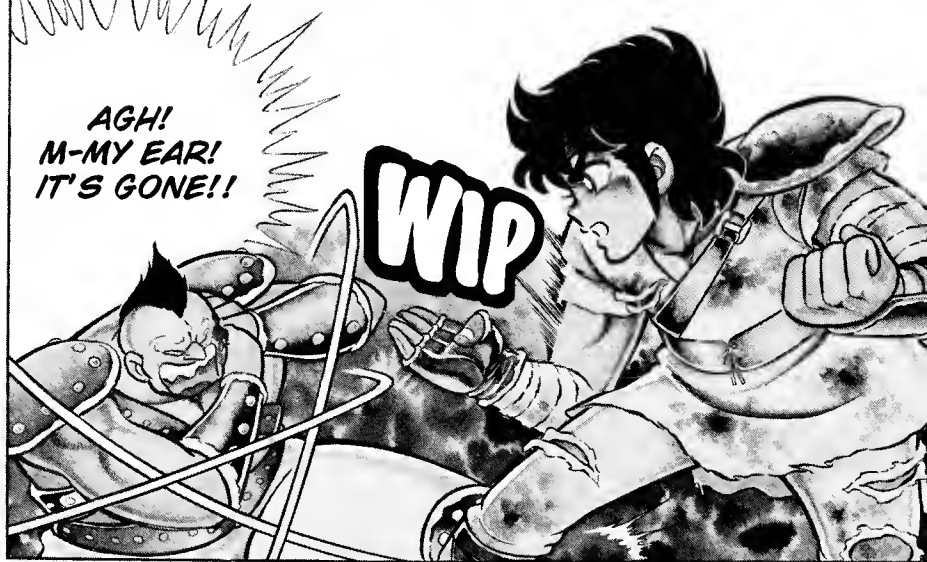
SKREK

UGH!

FIRST,  
YOUR  
EAR!!

WHAT!?

YECK!!



AGH!  
M-MY EAR!  
IT'S GONE!!

WIP



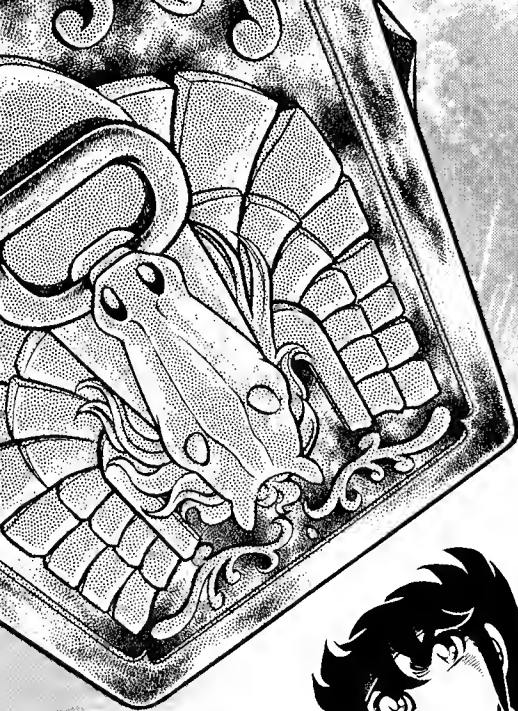
ROOOWRR!  
Y-YOU'LL  
PAY FOR  
THAT!

I LIKE YOUR  
DISMEMBER-  
MENT IDEA,  
CASSIOS!  
WHAT SHALL  
I RIP OFF  
NEXT?



MARIN,  
HAVE YOU  
ACTUALLY  
SUCCEEDED IN  
DEVELOPING  
SEIYA THAT  
FAR?

TODAY I SENSE  
AROUND SEIYA AN  
**ENERGY** I'VE  
NEVER  
SENSED  
BEFORE.



**THE  
CLOTH  
WILL BE  
MINE!**

**AND I'LL  
TAKE IT  
HOME TO  
JAPAN!!**





AND I'M  
GOING TO  
SETTLE THEM  
ALL HERE  
BEFORE  
I GO!!!

STOP CRINGING,  
CASSIOS!  
I'VE GOT A  
FEW SCORES  
TO SETTLE  
WITH YOU...





AAGH...



THAT WAY  
EVEN AN  
IMBECILE  
LIKE YOU CAN  
GRASP THE  
TOTALITY  
OF YOUR  
DEFEAT.





HOW  
'BOU  
YOUR  
CHIN!?

C-CASSIOS  
GOT HIT  
AGAIN!

UGH!



YOU'VE  
LOST TO  
ME FOR  
SIX  
YEARS!!



TH-THIS  
CAN'T BE  
HAPPENING!  
YOU NEVER  
DEFEATED  
ME EVEN  
ONCE  
BEFORE...



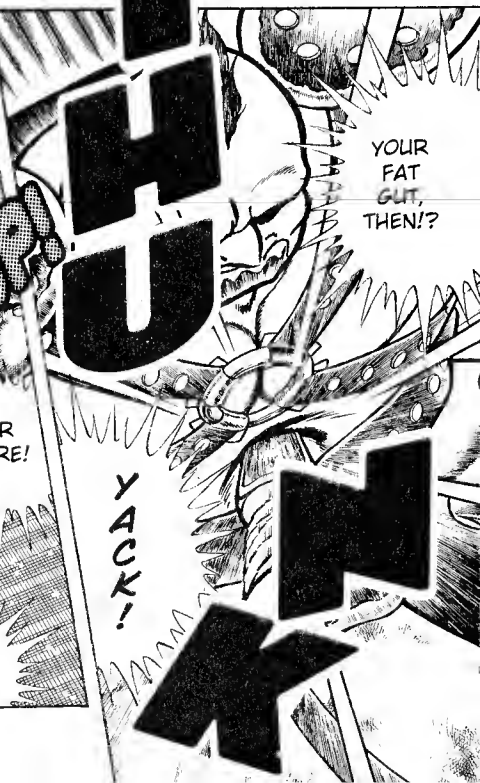
YOUR  
ARM!

YOUR  
CHEST!

OR  
HERE!

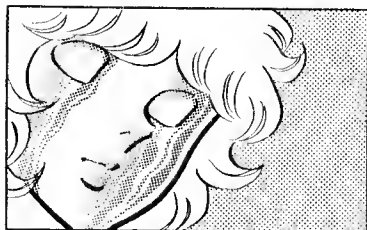
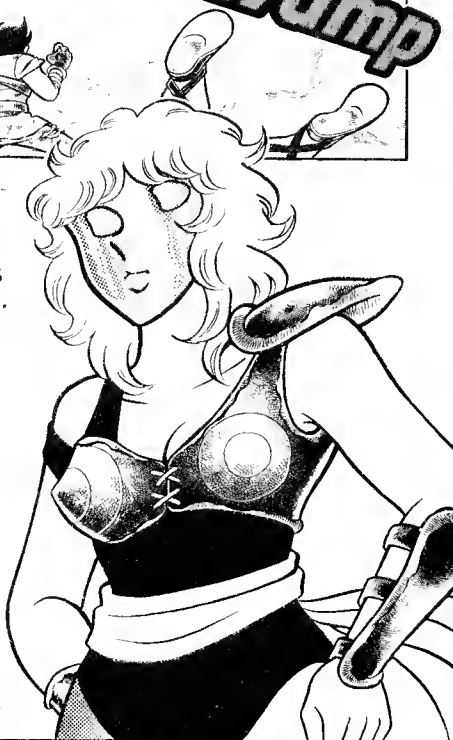
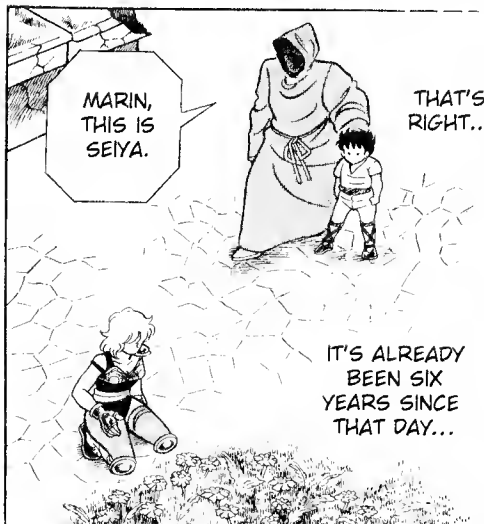
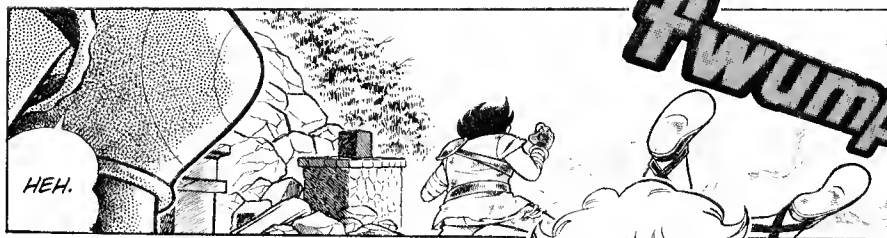
WHAT  
ABOUT  
THIS!?

YOUR  
NOSE!

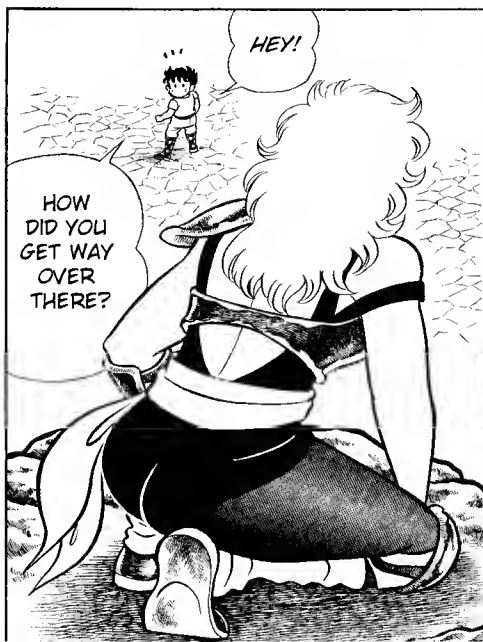


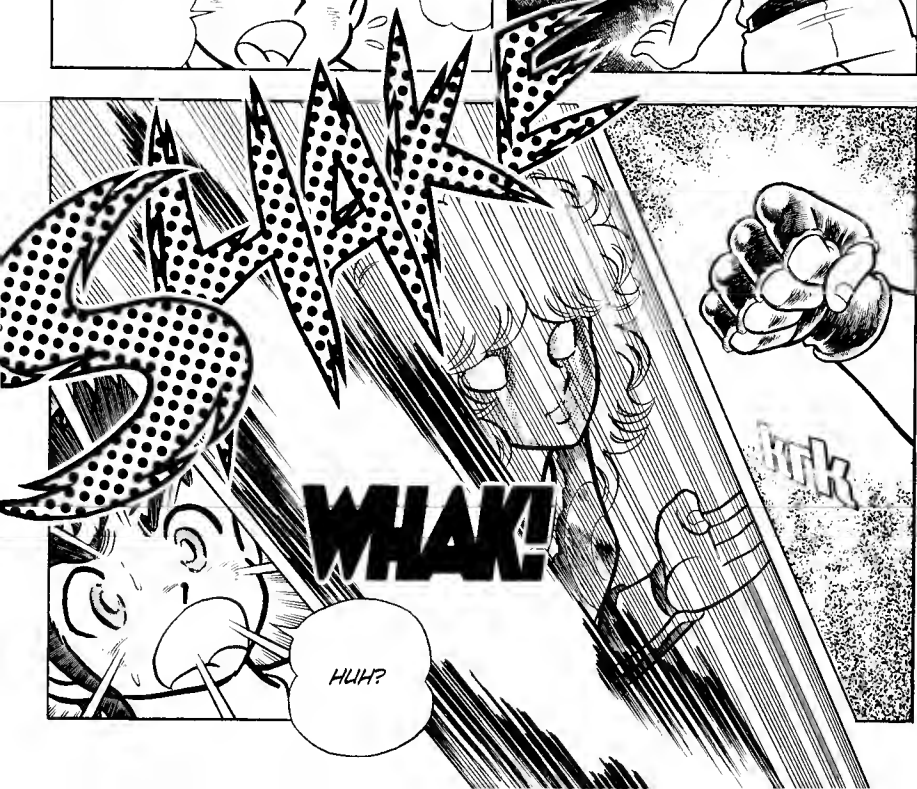
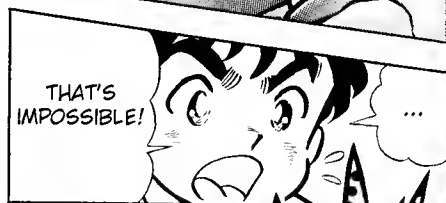
YOUR  
FAT  
GUT,  
THEN!?

YACK!











**GASP!**



SHAAAAA

OH, STOP CRYING. YOU'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR. BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU DO 1000 CRUNCHES.

KROOOOON

WAAAAAH!

ONLY 362 TO GO!

WAAAAH!

WAAAAH!

I-I'M GONNA FALL! I'LL DIE!

THEN DIE.

OH, STOP CRYING. YOU'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR. BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU DO 1000 CRUNCHES.

SHAAAAA

KROOOON

WAAAAH!

ONLY 362 TO GO!

WAAH, HAVE MERCY!

I-I'M GONNA FALL! I'LL DIE!

THEN DIE.

Waaaa

WAAAAH!

OH, STOP CRYING. YOU'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR. BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU DO 1000 CRUNCHES.

SHAAAAA

KROOOON

WAAAAAH!

ONLY 362 TO GO!

WAAH, HAVE MERCY!

I-I'M GONNA FALL! I'LL DIE!

THEN DIE.

OH, STOP CRYING. YOU'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR. BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU DO 1000 CRUNCHES.

SHAAAAA

KROOOON

WAAAAH!

ONLY 362 TO GO!

WAAH, HAVE MERCY!

I-I'M GONNA FALL! I'LL DIE!

THEN DIE.

Waaaa

WAAAAH!

OH, STOP CRYING. YOU'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR. BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU DO 1000 CRUNCHES.

SHAAAAA

KROOOON

WAAAAH!

ONLY 362 TO GO!

WAAH, HAVE MERCY!

I-I'M GONNA FALL! I'LL DIE!

THEN DIE.

Waaaa

WAAAAH!



THIS  
ONE IS  
SURPRIS-  
INGLY  
PERSISTENT.

HE'S  
STILL  
ALIVE.

**Splash**

WHEN A KNIGHT'S  
STRENGTH FAILS,  
THE GRACE OF  
THE HEAVENS  
CAN COME  
TO HIS AID.



BECAUSE  
DEATH IS  
ALWAYS SO  
NEAR, EACH  
KNIGHT HAS  
A STAR  
GUARDIAN.

SOMEDAY  
PEGASUS  
MAY COME  
TO YOUR  
AID...

SEIYA, YOUR  
CONSTELLATION  
IS PEGASUS  
THERE.

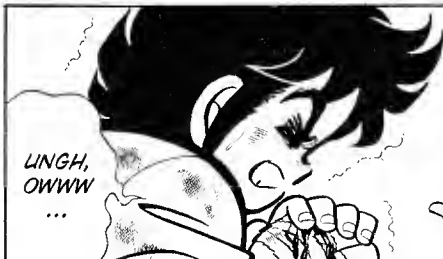




NOW,  
BREAK  
THAT  
ROCK!



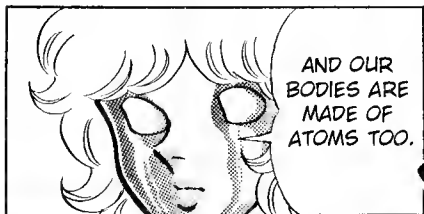
IT'S BEEN  
3 YEARS,  
AND  
YOU STILL CAN'T  
EVEN BREAK A  
TINY ROCK  
LIKE THAT?



LINGH,  
OWWWW  
...



LISTEN,  
SEIYA,  
ROCKS ARE  
MADE OF  
ATOMS.



AND OUR  
BODIES ARE  
MADE OF  
ATOMS TOO.



AND  
FLOWERS,  
AND TREES,  
AND  
INSECTS--  
EVERYTHING...





EVEN  
THOSE STARS  
TWINKLING  
IN THE SKY...



AND  
DESTROYING  
A THING IS  
JUST A MATTER  
OF SEPARATING  
ITS ATOMS.

EVERYTHING  
IN THE  
UNIVERSE  
IS MADE  
OF ATOMS.

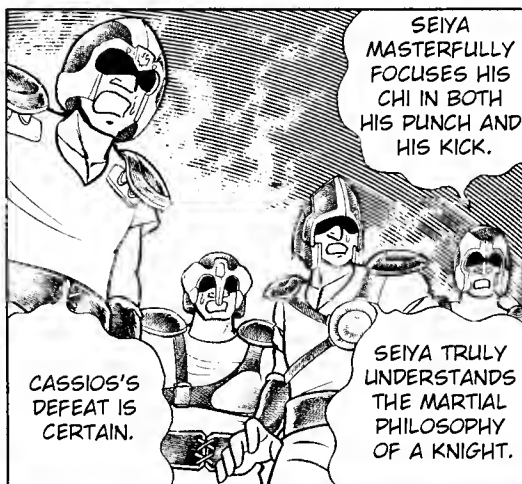
TO THE  
PART OF  
YOU THAT  
WILL  
STRIKE!!

FOCUS  
YOUR  
BODY AND  
SPIRIT!!

SEIYA,  
FOCUS  
YOUR  
POWER!!

TO  
YOUR  
HAND!!

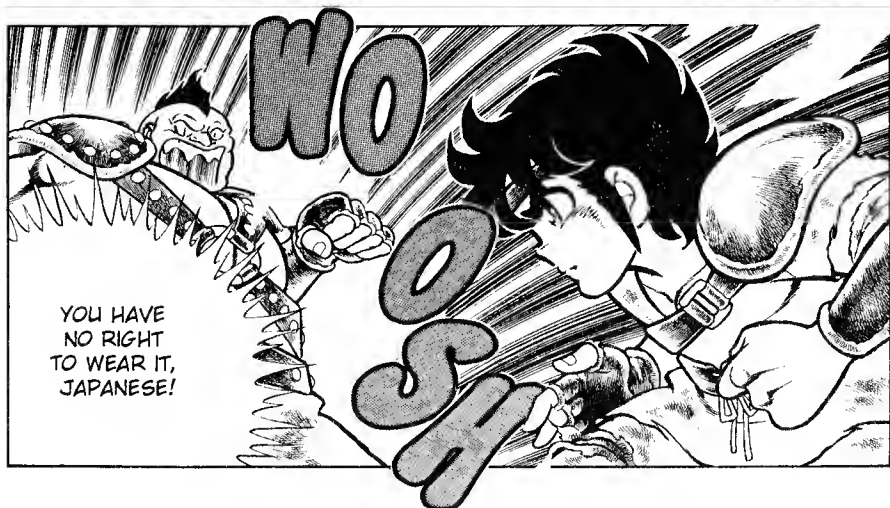




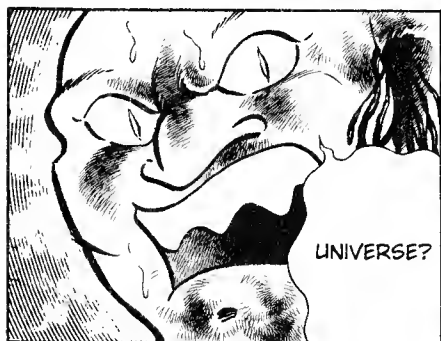
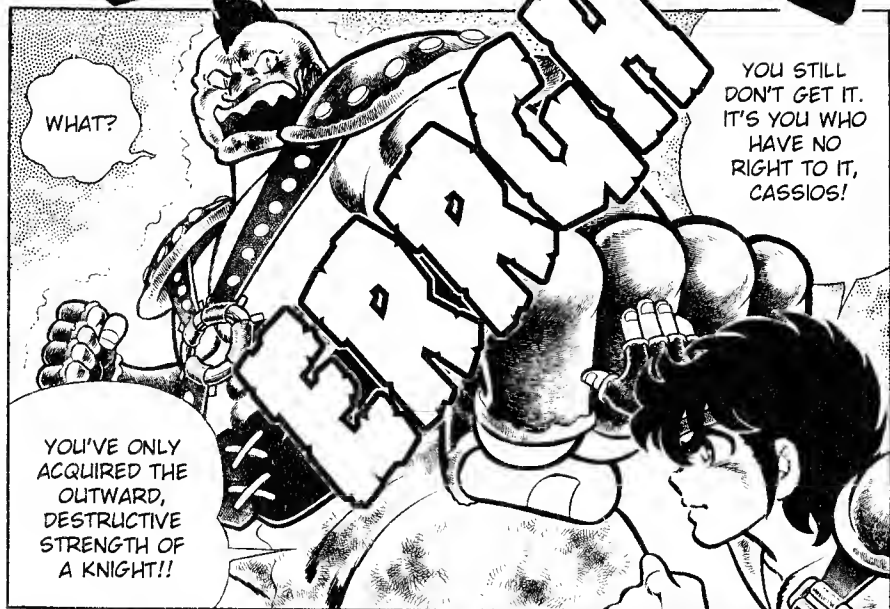


I WON'T  
LET YOU  
HAVE THE  
CLOTH!


IT IS A  
PRECIOUS  
LEGACY OF  
ANCIENT  
GREECE!!



YOU HAVE  
NO RIGHT  
TO WEAR IT,  
JAPANESE!







I TAUGHT YOU  
THAT YOU AND  
THOSE STARS  
ARE MADE OF  
THE SAME  
ATOMS.

SEIYA, THE  
KNIGHTS' BATTLE  
MOVES MIMIC  
THE CREATION  
OF THE  
UNIVERSE.

AND EVEN  
THE FAR  
COUNTLESS  
NEBULAS, WERE  
ALL A SINGLE  
MASS!!

IN THE BEGINNING,  
ALL THE ELEMENTS OF  
EARTH, AND THE STARS,  
AND THIS GALAXY..



15 BILLION  
YEARS AGO,  
THE UNIVERSE  
WAS BORN FROM  
THAT MASS IN  
THE BIG BANG!!



AND THEN  
THEY CAN  
SPLIT THE  
EARTH AND  
SMASH THE  
STARS!

SEIYA,  
MAKE  
YOUR MINI-  
UNIVERSE  
EXPLODE!

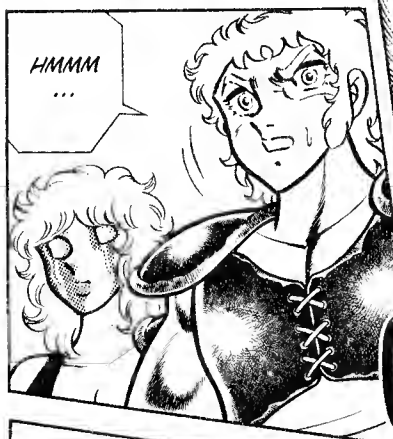
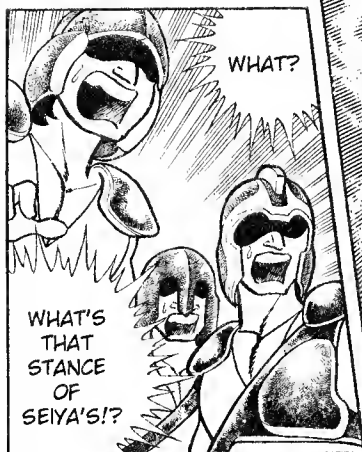
AND YOUR  
BLOWS WILL  
BE LIKE A  
SHOWER OF  
METEORS!!

SHOWER  
OF  
METEORS...



YOUR BODY,  
TOO, IS A  
MINI-UNIVERSE!  
BORN FROM  
THE BIG BANG!

TRUE KNIGHTS  
CAN GENERATE  
SUPERHUMAN POWER  
BY CAUSING THE  
MINI-UNIVERSES WITHIN  
THEIR OWN BODIES  
TO EXPLODE!!



**SEIYA'S  
HANDS ARE  
TRACING THE  
LOCATIONS OF  
PEGASUS'S  
13 STARS!!**

**THE  
CONSTELLATION  
PEGASUS!!**

**WATCH  
OUT!  
DON'T  
GO  
NEAR  
HIM,  
CASSIOS!!**



**wip**

**wip**

**wip**

**wip**

**WHAT!?**

PEGASUS  
METEOR  
PUNCHES!!

SKR-  
B-  
B-





AS PROOF  
OF YOUR  
KNIGHTHOOD,  
I GIVE  
YOU THE  
CLOTH!!

ATHENA HAS  
ACKNOWLEDGED  
SEIYA AS  
A NEW  
KNIGHT!

# BOMNG

## CHAPTER TWO THE PEGASUS CLOTH



GRR...  
TH-  
THAT  
SEIYA...



NOW,  
A WARNING,  
SEIYA.



I...  
DID  
IT...

I  
FINALLY  
OBTAINED  
AN  
CLOTH!

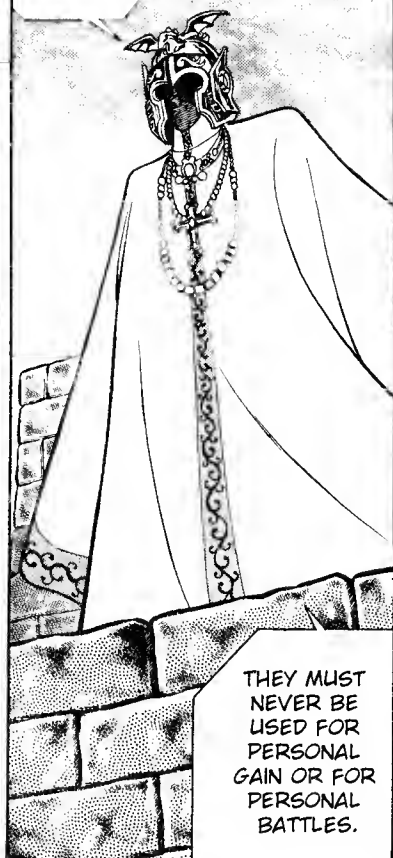


IF YOU  
EVER VIOLATE  
THIS LAW  
AND DEFILE  
YOUR CLOTH...

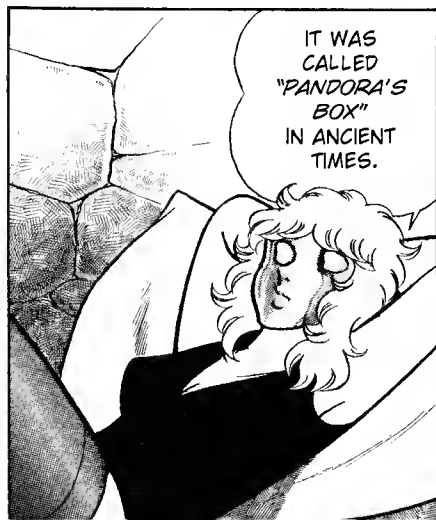
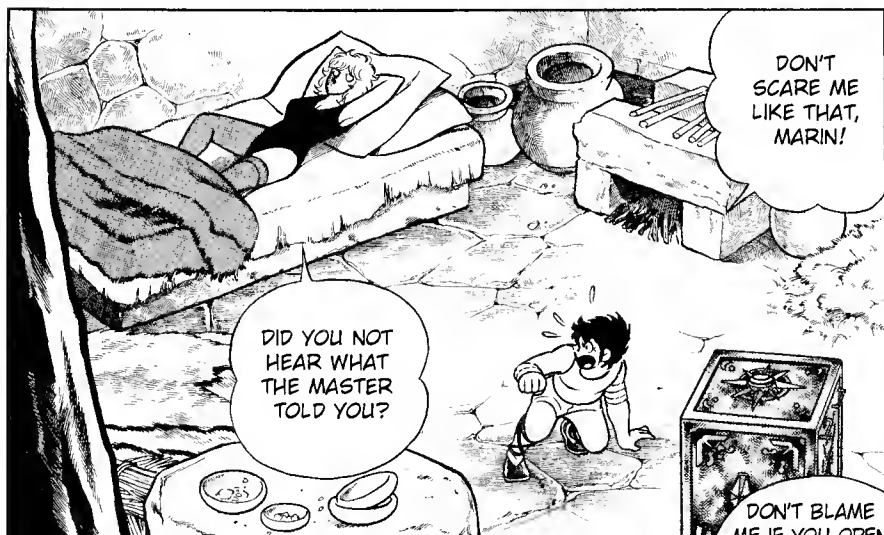
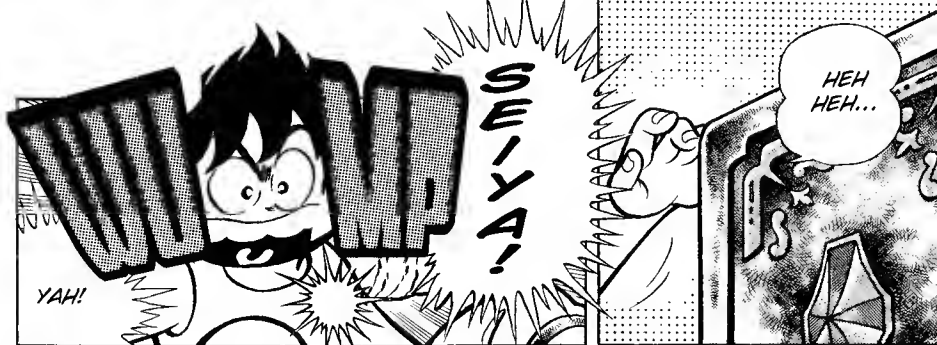
KNIGHTS FROM ALL  
OVER THE WORLD  
WILL DESCEND  
UPON YOU.  
NEVER FORGET  
THAT, SEIYA...

SINCE THE AGE  
OF HEROES, THE  
KNIGHTS HAVE  
PROTECTED  
ATHENA AND  
DEFENDED  
JUSTICE...

AND SO  
THE CLOTHS  
ARE TO  
BE WORN  
ONLY TO  
DEFEND  
JUSTICE...



THEY MUST  
NEVER BE  
USED FOR  
PERSONAL  
GAIN OR FOR  
PERSONAL  
BATTLES.



IT WAS  
CALLED  
"PANDORA'S  
BOX"  
IN ANCIENT  
TIMES.

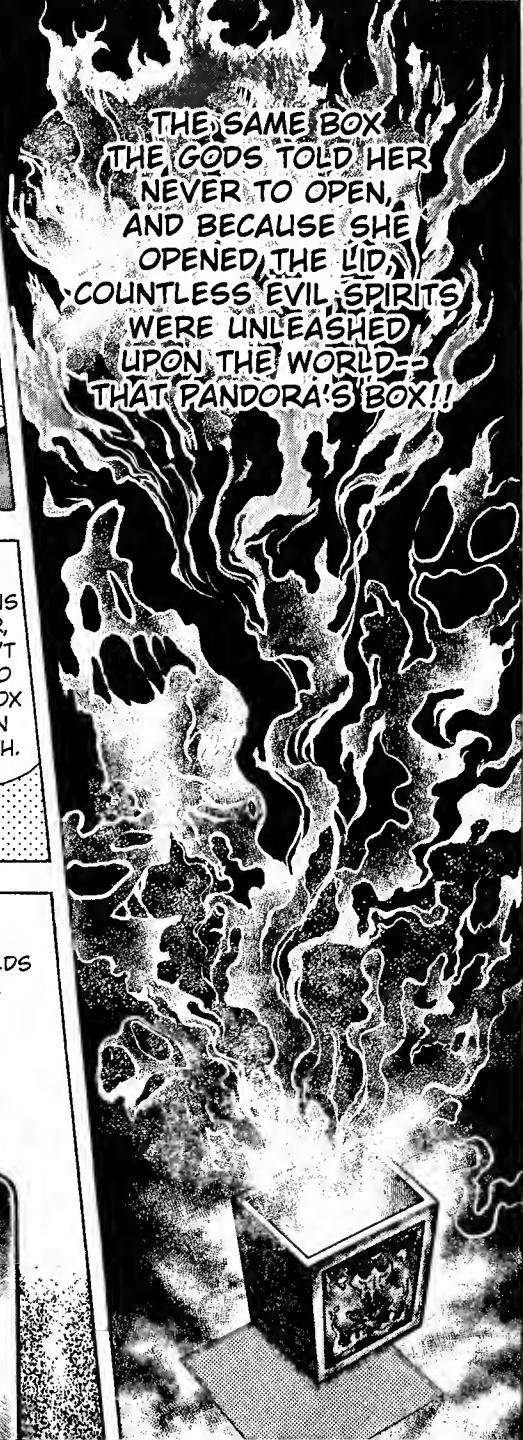
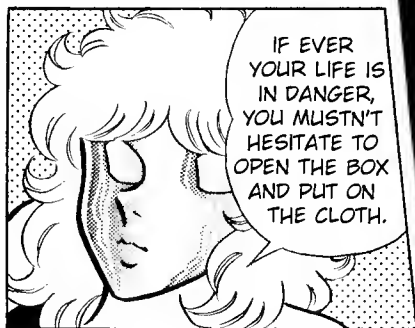


MY  
EYE-  
BALLS?

DON'T BLAME  
ME IF YOU OPEN  
THE LID OF THE  
CLOTH WITHOUT  
GOOD REASON AND  
YOUR EYEBALLS  
BURST.



SEIYA, WANT  
TO KNOW  
THE NAME  
OF THE  
BOX THAT  
THE CLOTH  
SITS IN?

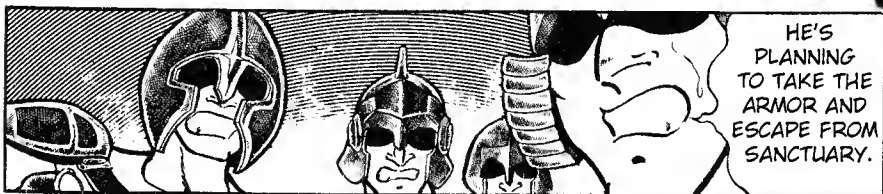




UGH!

THEY'RE  
NOT  
HERE!?

KRASH!



HE'S  
PLANNING  
TO TAKE THE  
ARMOR AND  
ESCAPE FROM  
SANCTUARY.



SEIYA  
MUST NOT  
REACH  
JAPAN  
ALIVE!

AFTER  
THEM!



WHY SLINK OFF  
IN THE NIGHT WHEN  
I COULD LEAVE  
FOR JAPAN  
IN THE MORNING!?

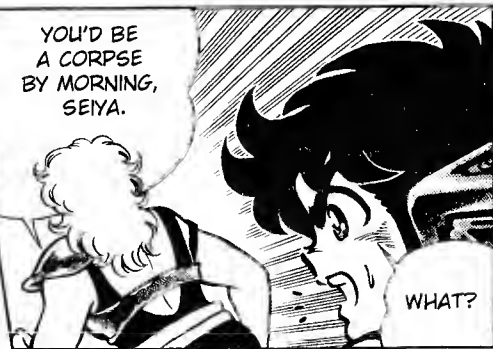


WHY DO  
WE HAVE  
TO SNEAK  
AWAY!?

BUT IT  
SEEMS WE  
WERE TOO  
LATE  
ANYWAY.



YOU'D BE  
A CORPSE  
BY MORNING,  
SEIYA.



YOU TOOK THE  
CLOTH FROM SHINA  
AND HER CRONIES.  
THEY'LL NEVER  
ALLOW YOU TO  
TAKE IT AWAY  
FROM HERE.



UNH!





WH-WHY  
ALL THE  
HATE,  
SHINA?

I BEAT  
CASSIOS  
FAIRLY--  
I'VE DONE  
NOTHING DO  
TO DESERVE  
YOUR HATE!



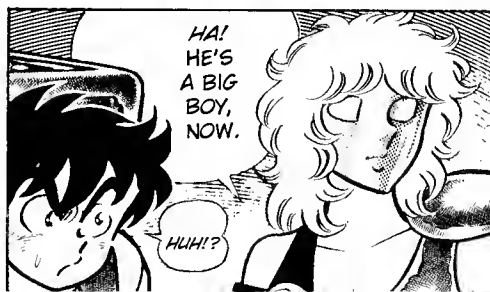
MARIN...WILL  
YOU STAND  
ASIDE AND  
LET ME  
TAKE  
SEIYA!?



OR WILL  
YOU FIGHT  
ME TO  
SAVE  
HIM?



SEIYA, IF  
YOU WANT  
TO GO HOME,  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO GET  
BY SHINA.



HA!  
HE'S A  
BIG BOY,  
NOW.

HUH!?



AH!?

S KREEE



AAAAAH!

I FEEL LIKE  
I JUST GOT  
TOASTED BY  
FIFTY  
THOUSAND  
VOLTS.

OOOH...



THUNDER  
COBRA!



LIH-  
LIH!

SNIAK

SORRY,  
BUT IT'S  
MY  
TURN.

ANOTHER  
JOLT LIKE  
THAT AND I'D  
BE GOLDEN  
BROWN AND  
FLAKY.





TRY MY  
PEGASUS  
METEOR  
PUNCHES!!

THEY MAY HAVE  
WORKED ON THAT  
NOVICE CASSIOS,  
BUT THEY CAN'T  
HURT ME.

HOW CUTE.  
BUT YOUR  
METEOR  
PUNCHES  
LOOK LIKE  
GUTTER BALLS  
TO ME.



I CAN  
SEE EACH  
OF YOUR  
PUNCHES  
CLEARLY!!



NOT ENOUGH  
TO HELP  
YOU AGAINST  
A TRUE  
KNIGHT!

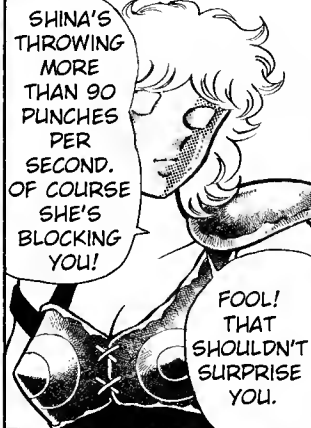
85 PER  
SECOND!



I CAN  
EVEN  
COUNT  
THEM!



I'LL  
TELL  
YOU  
THIS IN  
PARTING,  
SEIYA,



SHINA'S  
THROWING  
MORE  
THAN 90  
PUNCHES  
PER  
SECOND.  
OF COURSE  
SHE'S  
BLOCKING  
YOU!

FOOL!  
THAT  
SHOULDN'T  
SURPRISE  
YOU.



SHE  
BLOCKED  
ALL  
OF MY  
PUNCHES!

WH-  
WHAT!?



SHWAK

BOOM

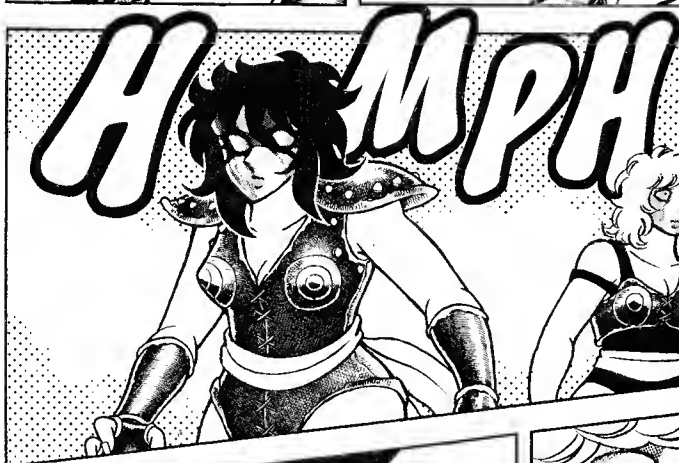
TO BEAT ME,  
YOU'D HAVE  
TO THROW  
AT LEAST  
100 PER  
SECOND!!



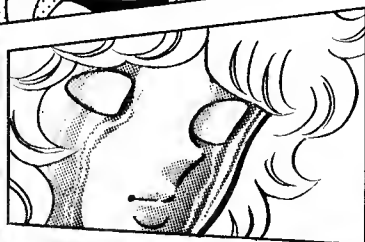


YOUR  
HANDS  
WOULD  
HAVE  
TO MOVE  
FASTER  
THAN THE  
SPEED OF  
SOUND!  
HA HA!

AND THAT'S  
NEARLY  
IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR A  
MERE  
MORTAL.



THERE ARE  
**KNIGHTS**  
WHO CAN  
DO THAT,  
THOUGH.

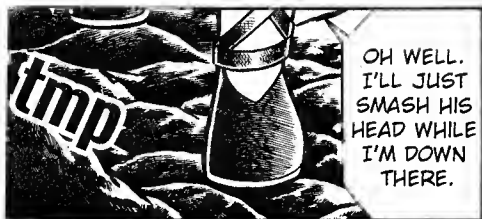


IT MUST  
HAVE FALLEN  
TO THE  
BOTTOM OF  
THIS CLIFF  
WITH SEIYA.

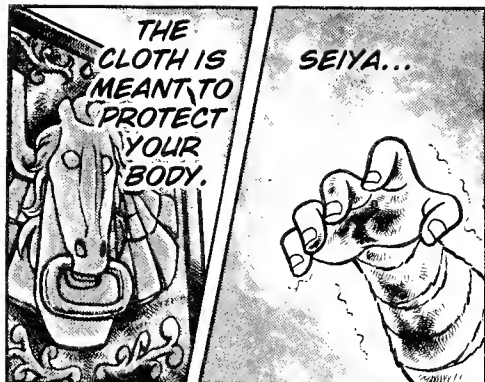
KERUNCH

THE  
CLOTH  
BOX...





OH WELL.  
I'LL JUST  
SMASH HIS  
HEAD WHILE  
I'M DOWN  
THERE.

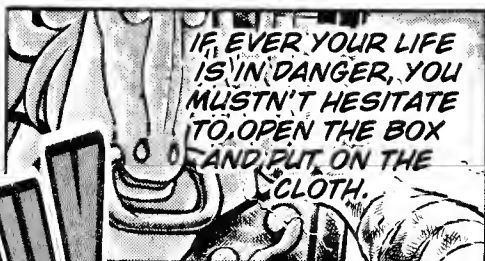


THE  
CLOTH IS  
MEANT TO  
PROTECT  
YOUR  
BODY.

SEIYA...



HE'S  
STILL  
ALIVE!



IF EVER YOUR LIFE  
IS IN DANGER, YOU  
MUSTN'T HESITATE  
TO OPEN THE BOX  
AND PUT ON THE  
CLOTH.



OR  
HOPE.



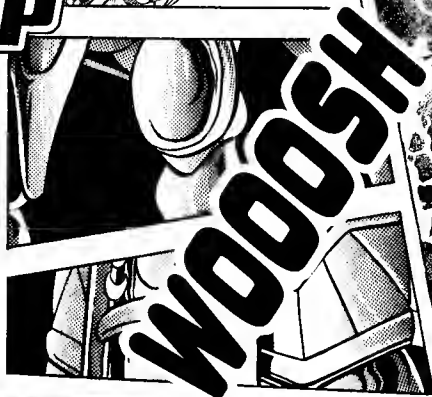
YOU MUST  
FIND OUT IF  
THE BOX  
HOLDS  
MORE EVIL  
SPIRITS...

U-UNH...





AAAH!  
A  
D-DEMON!



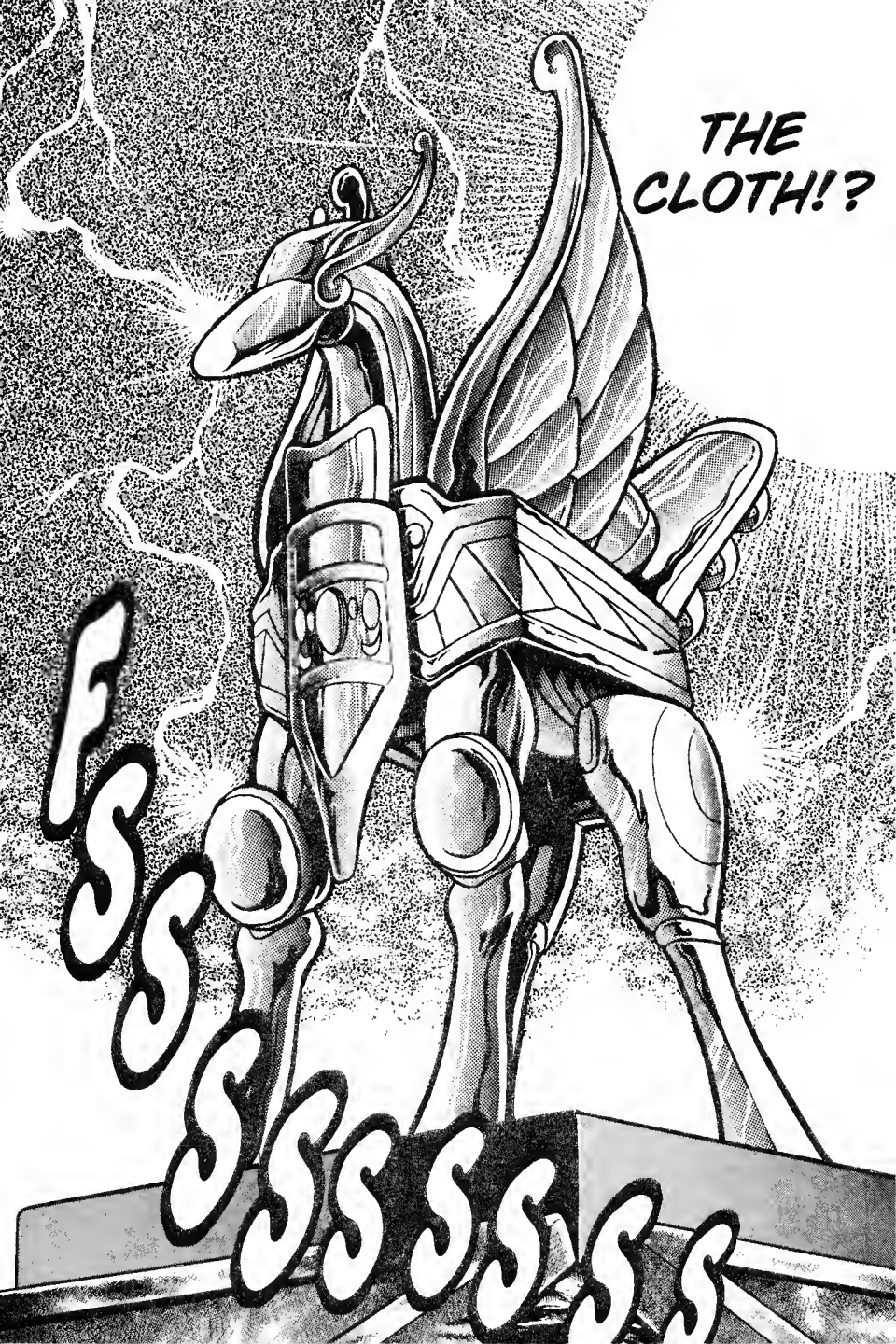
WHAT  
IS IT...



AH...



**THE  
CLOTH!?**







I SENSE  
A TERRIBLE  
COSMO  
FLOODING  
THIS  
WHOLE  
AREA...

WHAT'S  
THIS!?



AND THE  
CLOTH  
BOX  
HAS  
DISAPPEAR-  
ED TOO.

I WAS  
SURE HE LAY  
GROANING  
RIGHT  
AROUND  
HERE...



HUH!?





R--  
RIDICULOUS...  
BUT WHAT  
WAS THAT  
INCREDIBLE  
IMPACT?





HERE.

I'M  
OVER  
HERE.

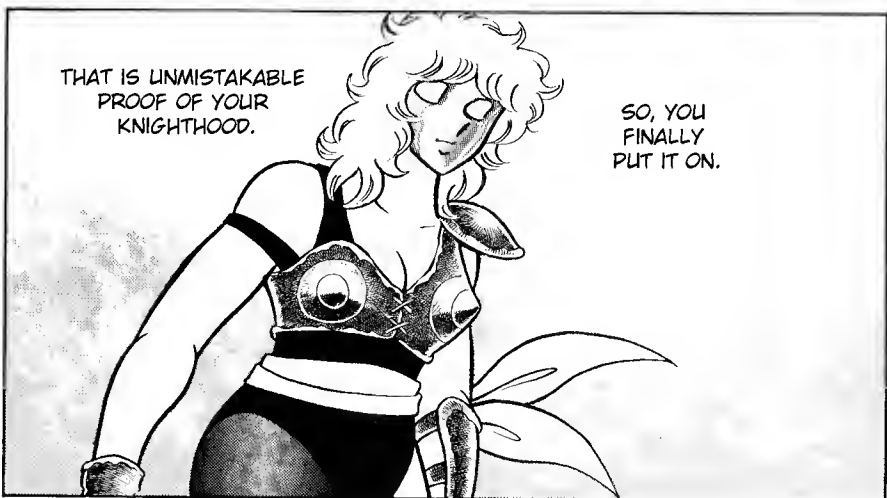


WH-WHERE  
ARE YOU,  
SEIYA?  
SHOW  
YOURSELF!!



S-SEIYA,  
YOU...  
LOOK...

UHH!!



THAT IS UNMISTAKABLE  
PROOF OF YOUR  
KNIGHTHOOD.

SO, YOU  
FINALLY  
PUT IT ON.



THE  
PEGASUS  
CLOTH!!





WAAAAH



K  
L  
A  
N  
K



YOU  
KNOW HOW  
FEARSOME  
A KNIGHT  
IN HIS  
CLOTH IS.

SHINA,  
PERHAPS  
YOU  
SHOULD  
RETREAT.

I'M  
NOT  
SO  
SURE  
ABOUT  
THAT.

RIGHT NOW, NO  
UNARMED  
KNIGHT IS A  
MATCH FOR  
SEIYA.

SHALL  
WE!!

WHAT?

LET'S SEE  
IF HE'S  
TRULY  
MERGED  
WITH HIS  
CLOTH OR  
NOT...

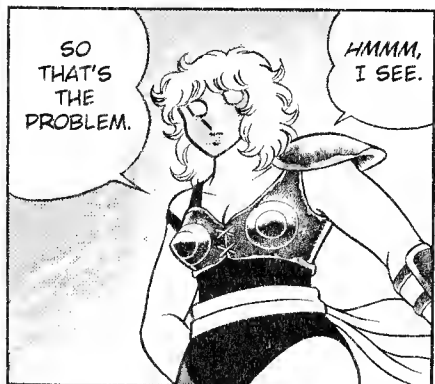
UNH!

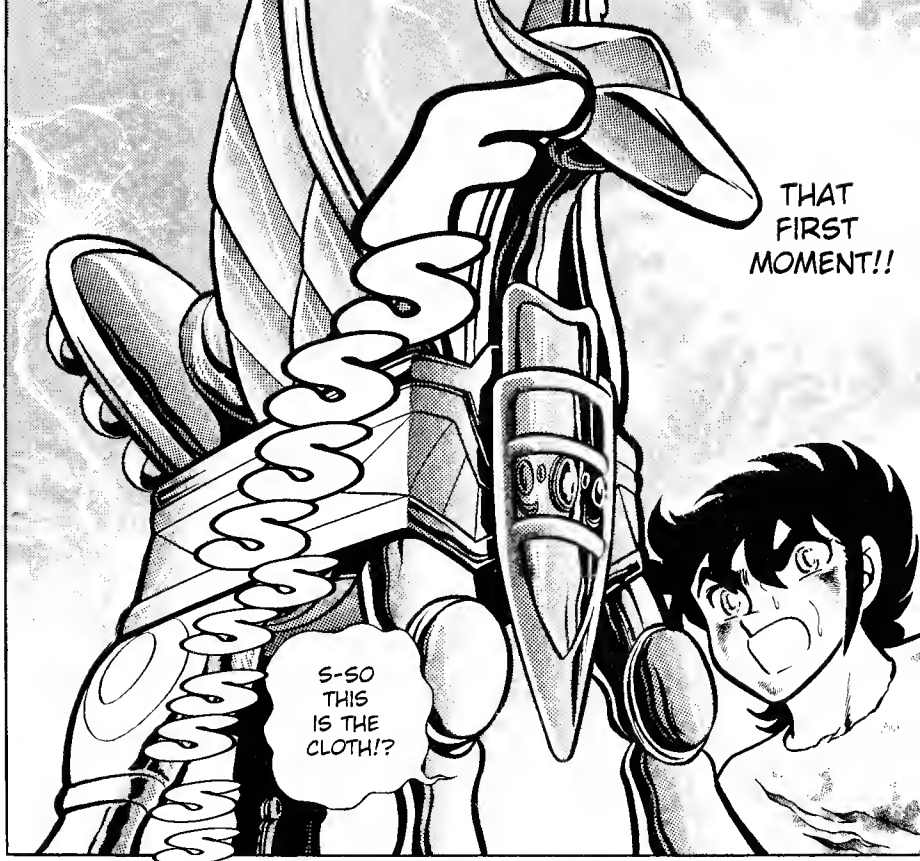






WITH YOU  
WEARING IT,  
THAT CLOTH  
IS  
USELESS!!





THAT  
FIRST  
MOMENT!!

S-SO  
THIS  
IS THE  
CLOTH!?

WHAT GOOD IS  
THIS PHONY  
PLAY ARMOR  
IN A  
BATTLE!

SHEESH.  
WHAT KIND  
OF PROOF OF  
KNIGHTHOOD  
IS THIS!?

IT'S  
SHAPED  
LIKE A  
HORSE,  
NOT A  
MAN.



N-NO WAY.  
HOW AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO FIGHT  
IN THIS?



IT FITS  
MY ARM  
PERFECTLY!!



I-IT  
COMES  
APART  
IN  
PIECES...?

H-HUH-



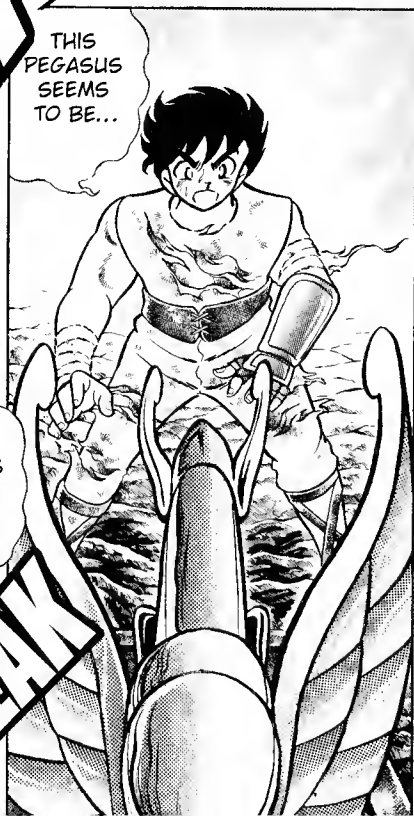
C-COULD  
IT BE...



HMMM,  
NOW I  
SEE...

EACH PART  
OF PEGASUS  
IS A PIECE  
OF THE  
CLOTH!

AND...



THIS  
PEGASUS  
SEEMS  
TO BE...

THIS IS  
HOW IT'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO LOOK!!



DA!!



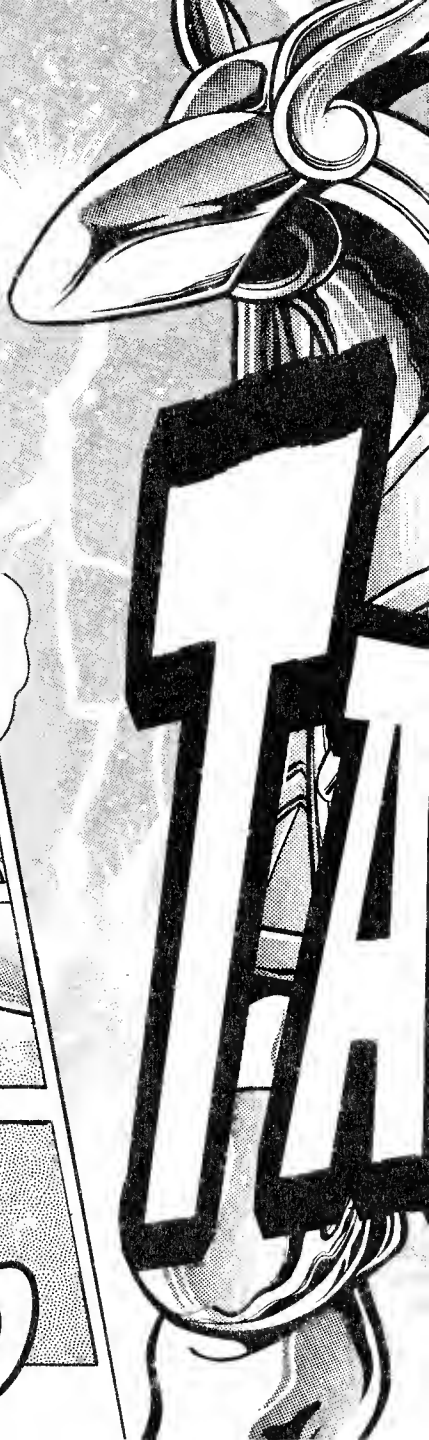
AND  
NOW I'M  
INVINCIBLE?

NOW  
THAT I'M  
WEARING  
THIS  
MYTHICAL  
CLOTH...

MY  
PUNCHES  
CAN  
REND  
THE  
SKIES...

AND MY  
KICKS  
CAN  
SPLIT  
THE  
EARTH...

KRK





SSSSS

BEFORE, I  
ALWAYS HEARD  
THE SKY SPLITTING  
ALONG THE PATH  
OF MY FIST  
AND ARM...

THAT  
SOUND?

W  
O  
O  
O  
O  
O  
O  
O

B-BUT JUST  
NOW I HEARD  
IT FAR AHEAD  
OF MY FIST...

DOES  
THIS  
MEAN...





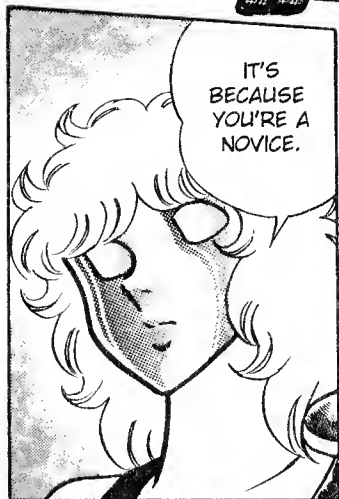
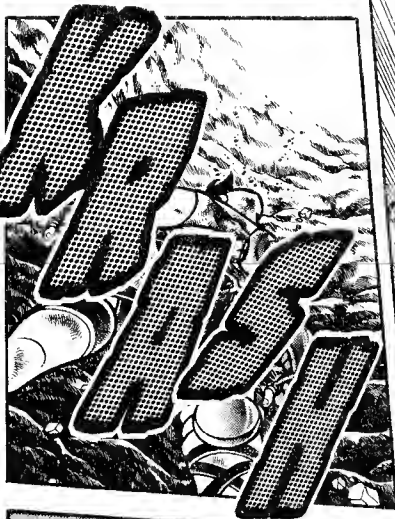
THEN  
WHY...



I COULDN'T FEEL  
THE WEIGHT OF  
THIS CLOTH AT  
ALL, BUT...



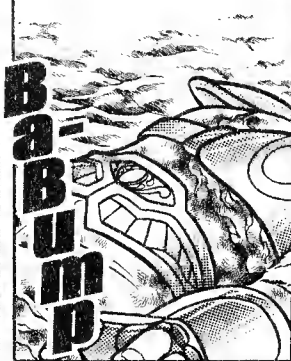
EVEN FROM  
SO FAR AWAY,  
THE SHOCK WAVE  
INJURED SHINA'S  
SHOULDER.



SPIRIT AND MUSCLE  
MUST COOPERATE  
TO OPERATE  
THE CLOTH.

I TOLD YOU THAT  
A KNIGHT'S POWER  
COMES FROM THE  
UNIVERSE WITHIN.

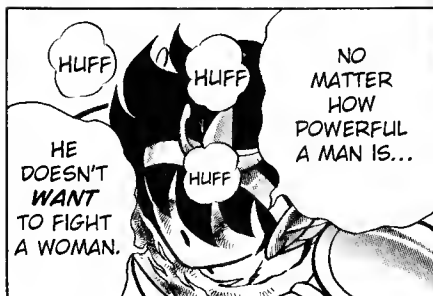
IF YOU THOUGHT YOU'D  
TURN INTO A  
SUPERHUMAN JUST  
BY PUTTING ON  
THE CLOTH, YOU'RE  
SADLY MISTAKEN.

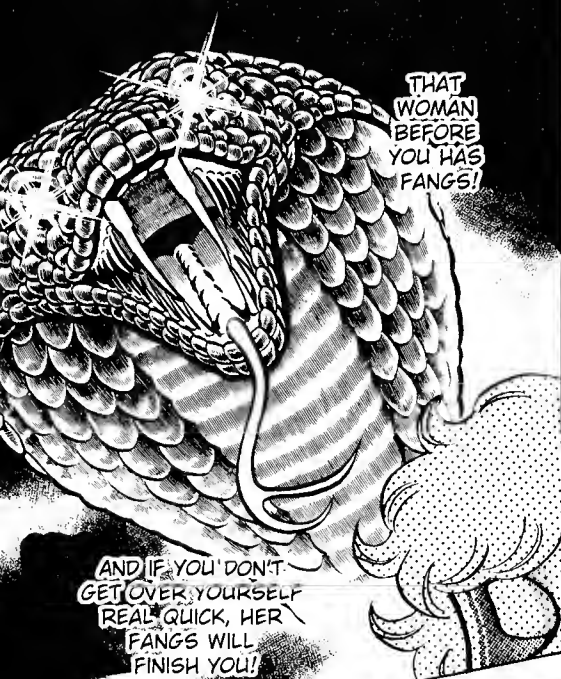


THE MORE YOUR  
UNIVERSE BURNS WITHIN  
YOU, THE LIGHTER YOUR  
CLOTH BECOMES AND  
THE MORE POWER IT  
ENDOWS YOU WITH!!

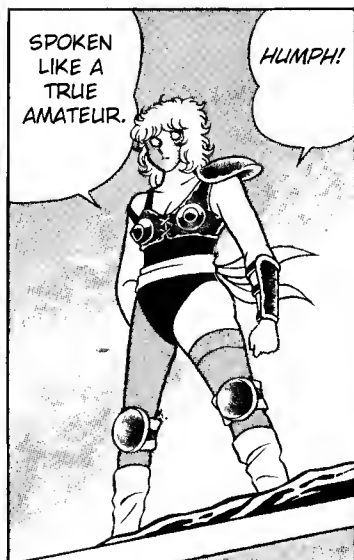
IF THE WEARER HAS  
RESERVATIONS OR LACKS  
THE WILL TO FIGHT, THE  
CLOTH IS JUST A VERY  
HEAVY SHELL!



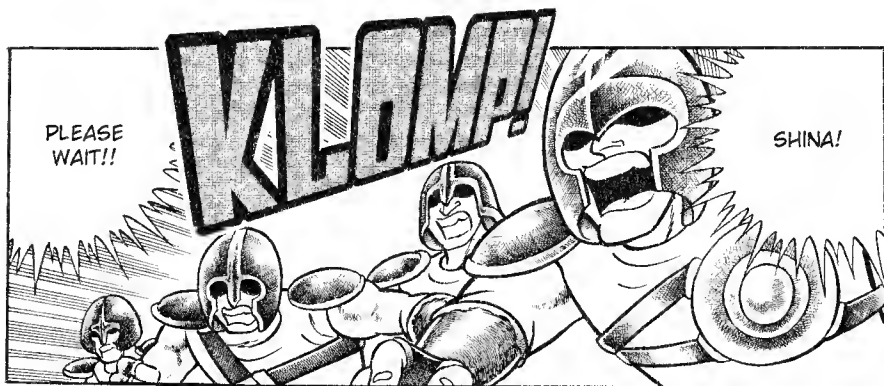




AND IF YOU DON'T  
GET OVER YOURSELF  
REAL QUICK, HER  
FANGS WILL  
FINISH YOU!







PLEASE  
WAIT!!

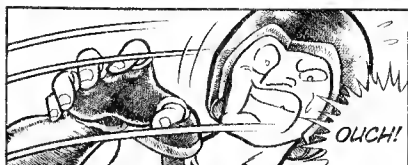
SHINA!



WE'LL  
TAKE YOU  
BACK TO  
SANCTUARY  
AND EXECUTE  
YOU!



I SAID  
GET UP,  
BOY!



OUCH!

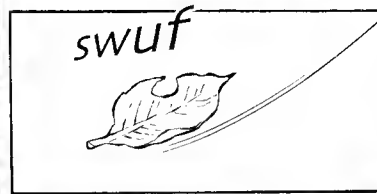
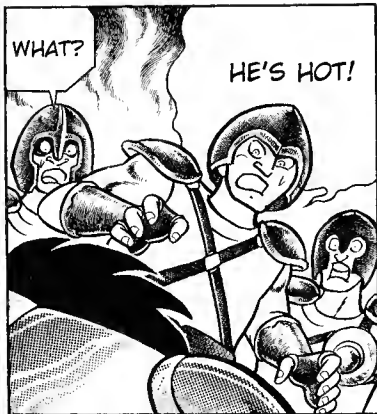


THERE IS NO  
NEED FOR YOU  
TO TROUBLE  
YOURSELF  
WITH HIM  
ANY  
FURTHER!

LET  
US  
DEAL  
WITH  
THEM!

GET  
UP!

YOU  
THOUGHT  
YOU COULD  
ESCAPE,  
DID YOU!?





WH-WHAT  
IN  
ATHENA'S  
NAME?

WE'LL  
FINISH  
YOU  
RIGHT  
HERE!!



STAND BACK  
IF YOU DON'T  
WANT TO  
BE EXTRA  
CRISPY!

NOT SO TOUGH  
NOW, EH? I WON'T  
BE HARRASSED  
BY YOU LOSERS  
ANYMORE.

NOW  
I'LL  
SHOW  
YOU MY  
FIGHTING  
SPIRIT!!

FWA

SH

IDIOTS!!



I  
CAN'T SEE  
SEIYA'S  
PUNCHES!

WHAT!

**TASTE MY  
PEGASUS  
METEOR  
PUNCHES!**



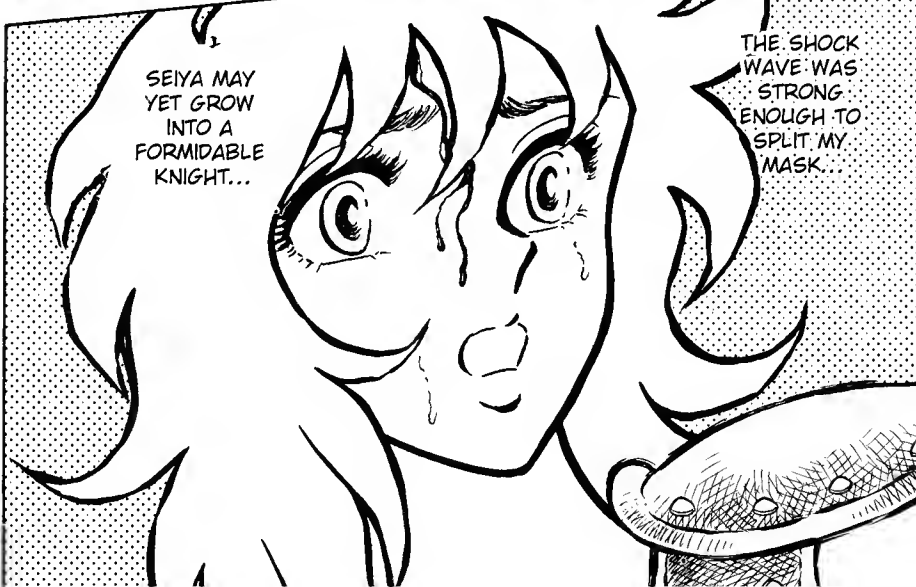


I-I  
COULDN'T  
SEE  
THEM!

THERE WAS A  
BLUR AND HE  
MOWED THEM  
DOWN LIKE  
GRASS!



SEIYA'S  
PUNCHES  
EXCEEDED  
MACH 1...



SEIYA MAY  
YET GROW  
INTO A  
FORMIDABLE  
KNIGHT...

THE SHOCK  
WAVE WAS  
STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
SPLIT MY  
MASK...







ONCE YOU  
CROSS THAT  
MOUNTAIN,  
YOU'LL BE  
IN ATHENS.

SO THIS  
IS WHERE  
WE PART,  
EH,  
MARIN?

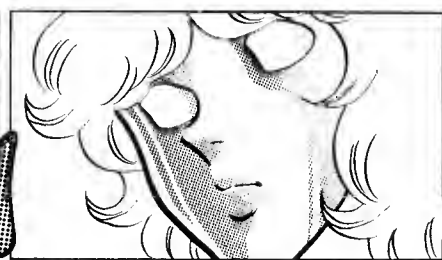
I KNOW  
I ASKED  
YOU THIS  
ONCE  
BEFORE,  
BUT...



IF I TELL  
YOU, WILL  
YOU SHOW  
ME YOUR  
FACE TOO?



WHAT ARE  
YOU PLANNING  
TO DO WITH  
THE CLOTH  
WHEN YOU  
GET IT BACK  
TO JAPAN?



YOUNG SEIYA--  
I THINK YOUR  
TRIALS ARE JUST  
BEGINNING...



# CHAPTER 3: THE GOLDEN CLOTH

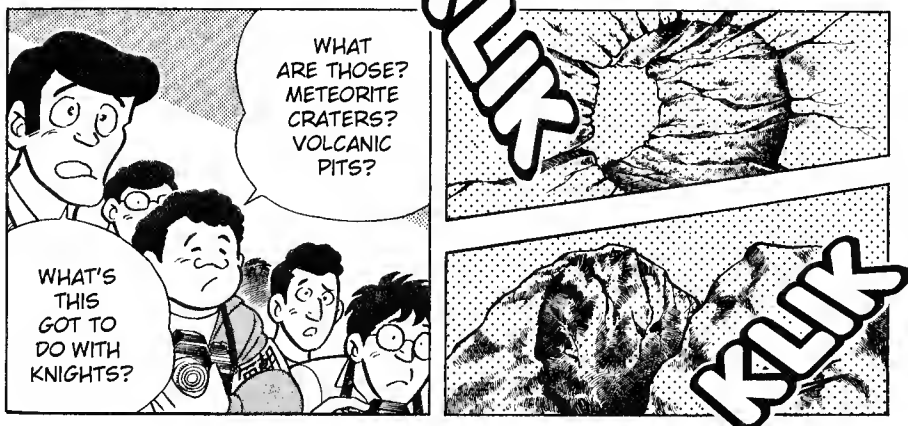
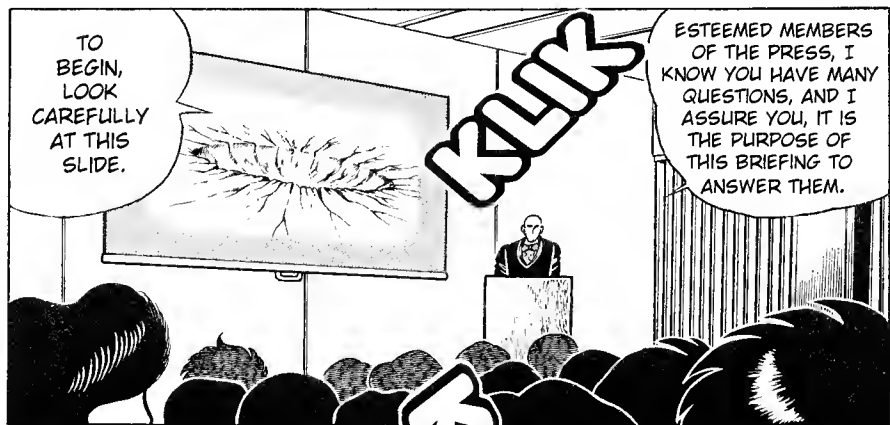


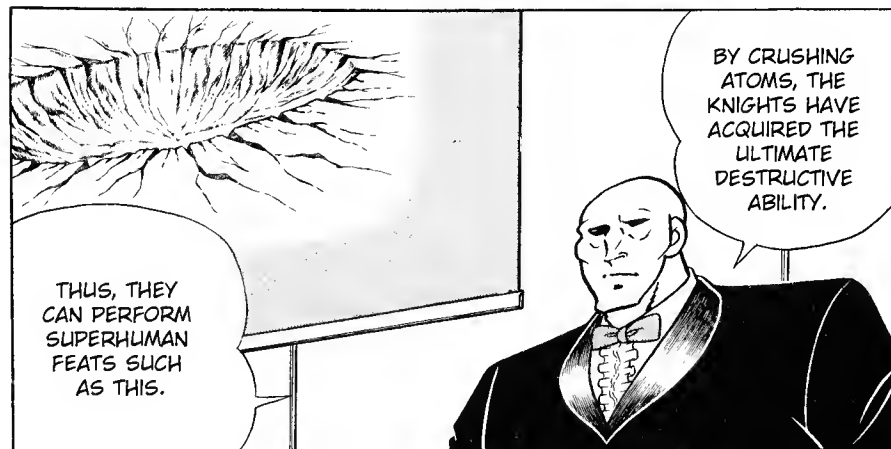
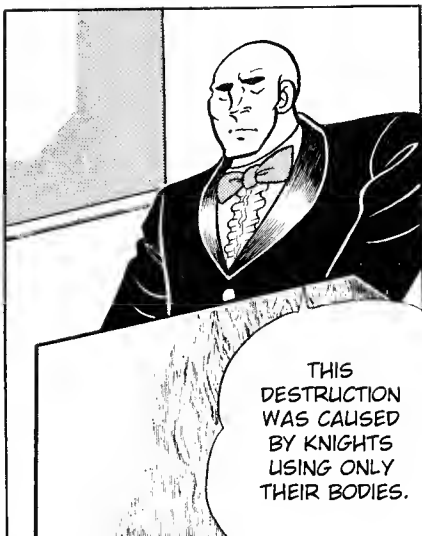
MILADY,  
THE SEVENTH  
CLOTH JUST  
ARRIVED  
FROM  
FINLAND.

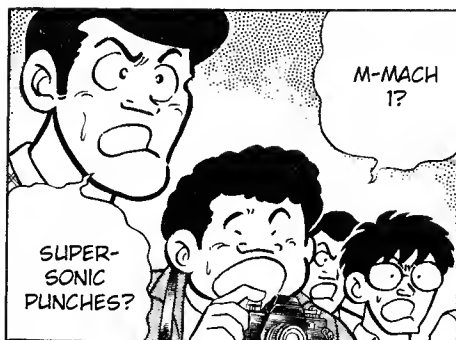


SO  
THREE  
CLOTHS  
HAVE  
YET TO  
ARRIVE...

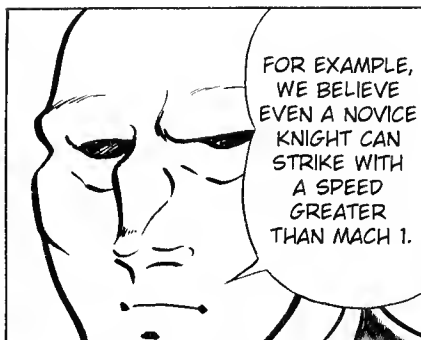
ACCORDING TO  
THE REPORT, OF  
THE ORIGINAL ONE  
HUNDRED CANDIDATES,  
ONLY TEN HAVE  
SUCCESSFULLY  
BECOME KNIGHTS  
AND WILL BE  
RETURNING TO  
JAPAN?



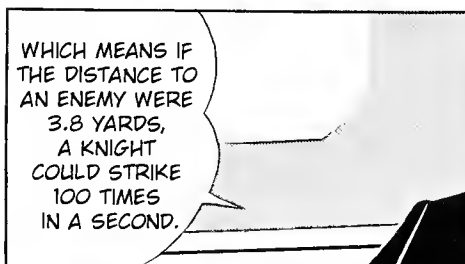




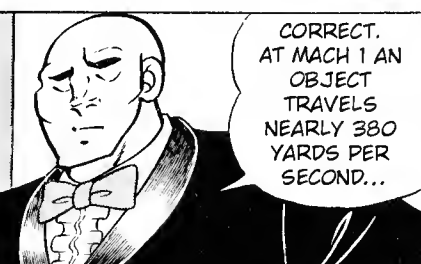
M-MACH  
1?



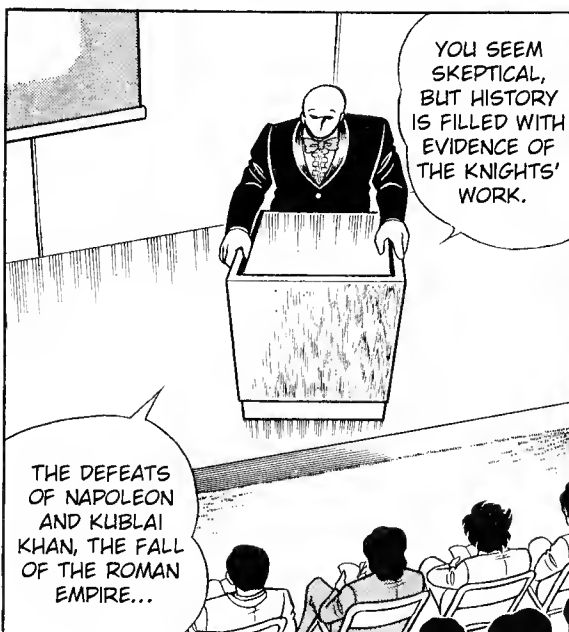
FOR EXAMPLE,  
WE BELIEVE  
EVEN A NOVICE  
KNIGHT CAN  
STRIKE WITH  
A SPEED  
GREATER  
THAN MACH 1.



WHICH MEANS IF  
THE DISTANCE TO  
AN ENEMY WERE  
3.8 YARDS,  
A KNIGHT  
COULD STRIKE  
100 TIMES  
IN A SECOND.



CORRECT.  
AT MACH 1 AN  
OBJECT  
TRAVELS  
NEARLY 380  
YARDS PER  
SECOND...



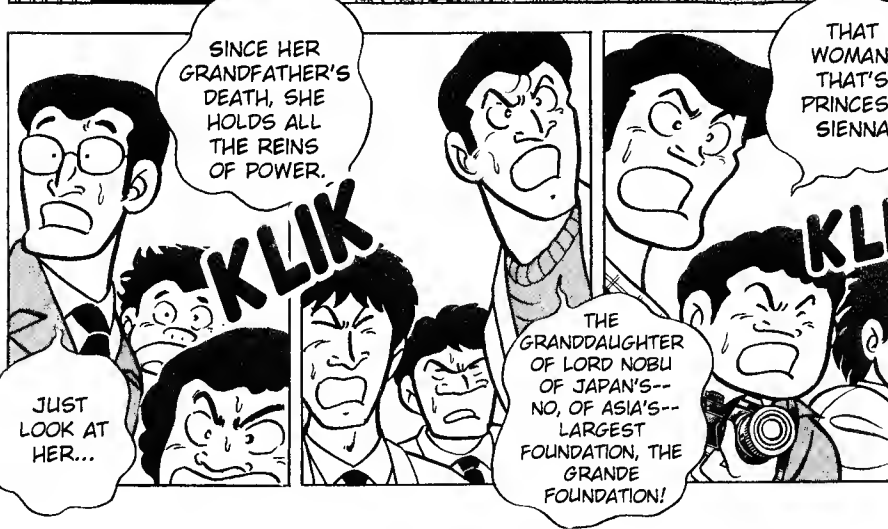
YOU SEEM  
SKEPTICAL,  
BUT HISTORY  
IS FILLED WITH  
EVIDENCE OF  
THE KNIGHTS'  
WORK.

THE DEFEATS  
OF NAPOLEON  
AND KUBLAI  
KHAN, THE FALL  
OF THE ROMAN  
EMPIRE...

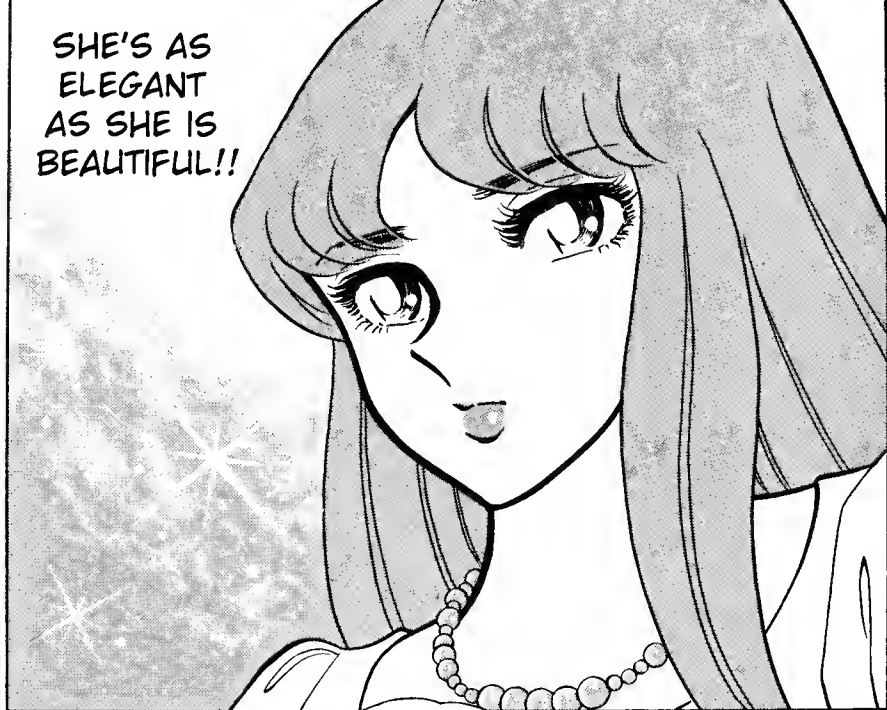


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A  
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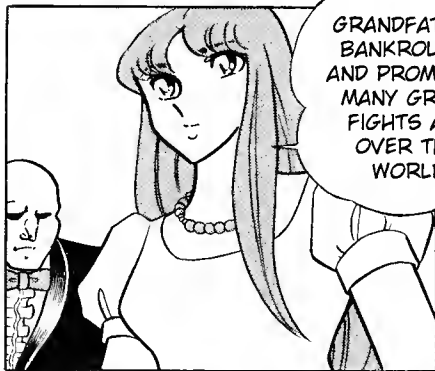




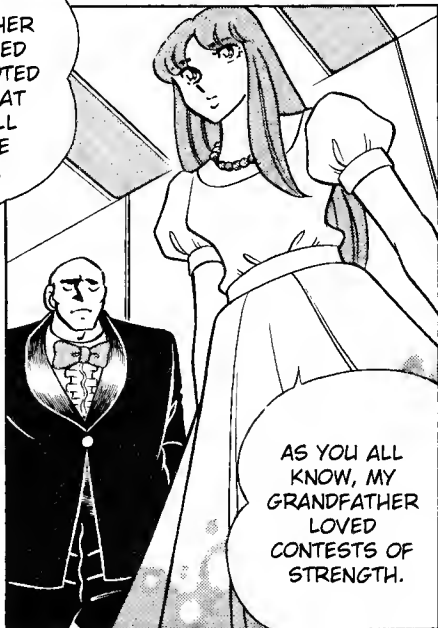
SHE'S AS  
ELEGANT  
AS SHE IS  
BEAUTIFUL!!



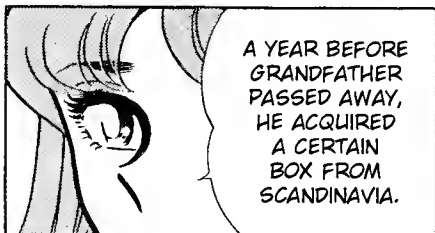
GRANDFATHER  
BANKROLLED  
AND PROMOTED  
MANY GREAT  
FIGHTS ALL  
OVER THE  
WORLD.

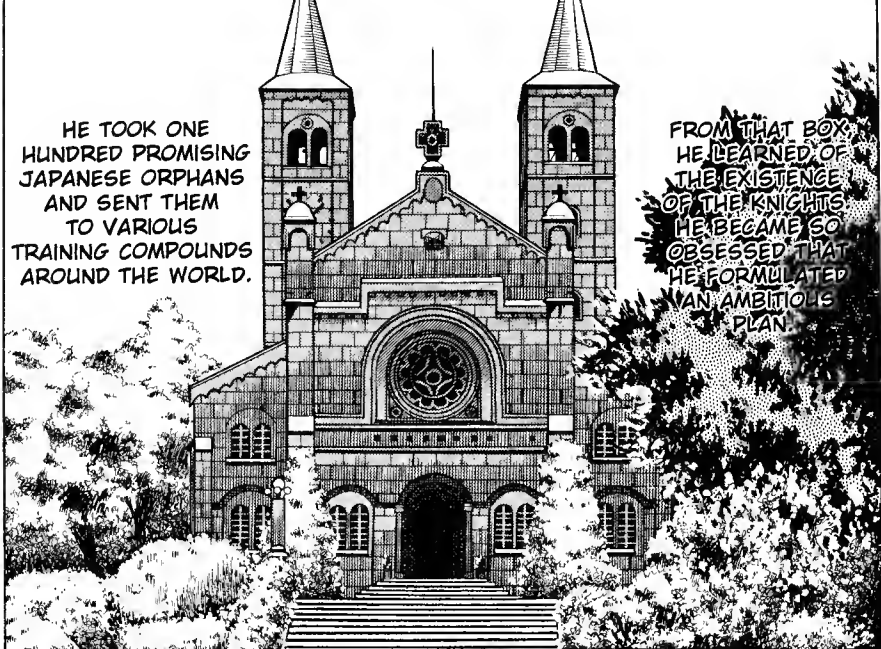


AS YOU ALL  
KNOW, MY  
GRANDFATHER  
LOVED  
CONTESTS OF  
STRENGTH.



A YEAR BEFORE  
GRANDFATHER  
PASSED AWAY,  
HE ACQUIRED  
A CERTAIN  
BOX FROM  
SCANDINAVIA.





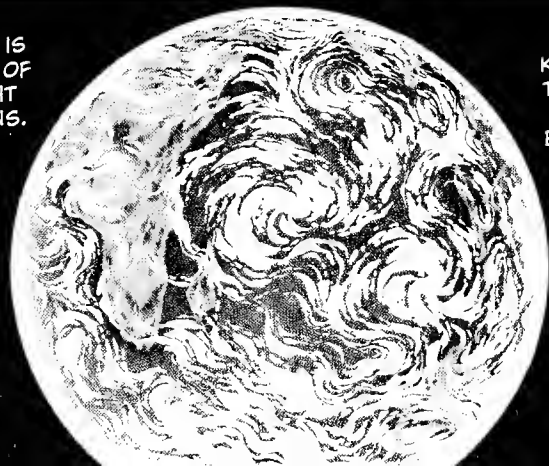
HE TOOK ONE  
HUNDRED PROMISING  
JAPANESE ORPHANS  
AND SENT THEM  
TO VARIOUS  
TRAINING COMPOUNDS  
AROUND THE WORLD.

FROM THAT BOY  
HE LEARNED OF  
THE EXISTENCE  
OF THE KNIGHTS.  
HE BECAME SO  
OBSESSED THAT  
HE FORMULATED  
AN AMBITIOUS  
PLAN.

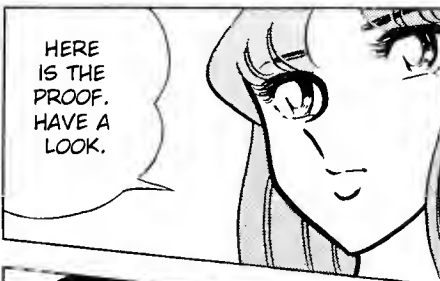
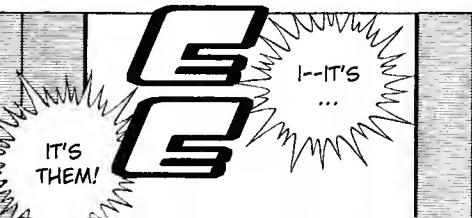
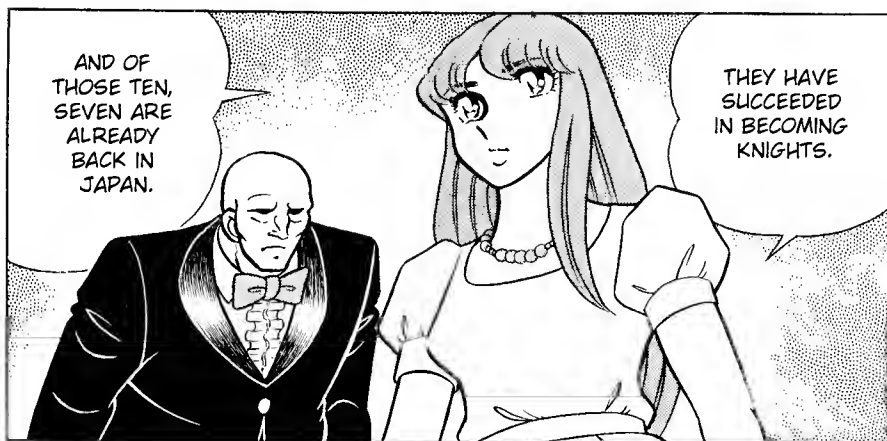
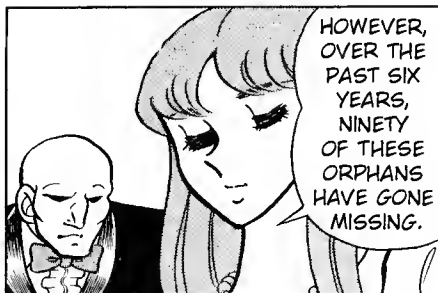


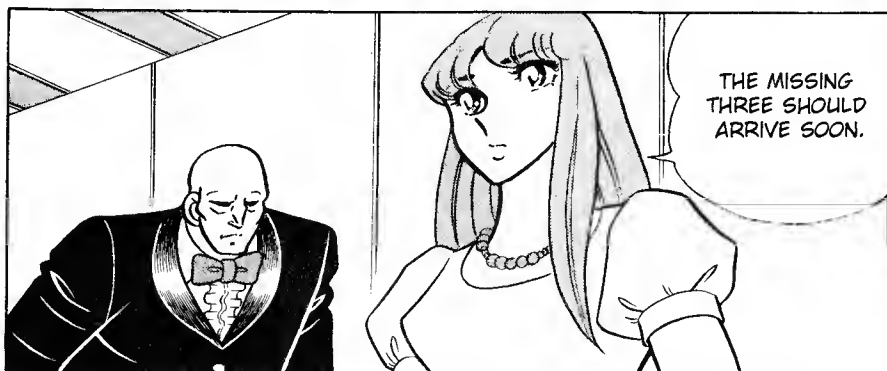
THEIR MISSION  
WAS TO BECOME  
KNIGHTS...

THE  
CLOTH IS  
PROOF OF  
KNIGHT  
STATUS.



TO RECEIVE  
TRAINING FROM  
KNIGHTS IN LANDS  
THROUGHOUT THE  
WORLD AND TO  
BRING PANOPLIES  
OF CLOTH BACK  
TO THIS JAPAN.





SEVEN  
BOXES  
OF  
CLOTH!!

TA-



A  
BATTLE?

Y-YOU  
DON'T  
MEAN...

WE SHALL  
WITNESS A  
BATTLE THE  
LIKES OF  
WHICH HAS  
NEVER  
BEEN  
SEEN  
BEFORE!

AND THEN,  
WHEN  
ALL TEN  
KNIGHTS  
HAVE  
ASSEMBLED...







**YES, WE SHALL  
HOLD A GRAND  
TOURNAMENT OF  
KNIGHTS RIGHT  
HERE IN JAPAN!!**

SO I  
DECIDED  
TO SEE IT  
THROUGH  
FOR HIM.

UNFORTUNATELY,  
GRANDFATHER  
PASSED AWAY  
FIVE YEARS  
AGO WITHOUT  
SEEING HIS  
DREAM  
COME TO  
FRUITION...

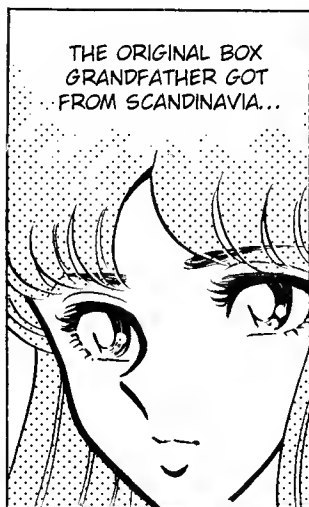
USED HIS FORMIDABLE  
PERSONAL FORTUNE TO  
DEVELOP KNIGHTS IN  
ORDER TO...

YOU  
MEAN  
THE  
LATE  
LORD  
NOBU...

HOLD THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST BATTLE  
TOURNAMENT  
HERE IN  
JAPAN?

I FEEL WE  
MAY EVEN OUTDO  
THE FAMOUS  
BATTLES OF  
ROME'S  
COLISEUM.

THEREFORE,  
ESTEEMED MEMBERS  
OF THE PRESS,  
I REQUEST YOUR  
COOPERATION IN  
MAKING MY  
GRANDFATHER'S  
DREAM A REALITY...

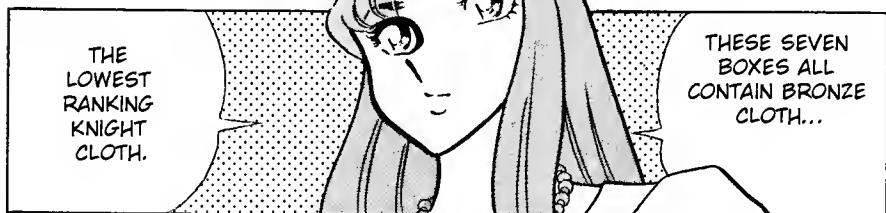




WHAT  
IS IT!?

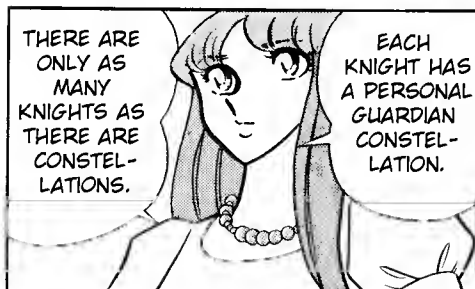
WH-WHAT'S  
THAT  
NOISE!?

THE  
BOXES  
OF CLOTH  
ARE  
HUMMING!



THE  
LOWEST  
RANKING  
KNIGHT  
CLOTH.

THESE SEVEN  
BOXES ALL  
CONTAIN BRONZE  
CLOTH...



THERE ARE  
ONLY AS  
MANY  
KNIGHTS AS  
THERE ARE  
CONSTEL-  
LATIONS.

EACH  
KNIGHT HAS  
A PERSONAL  
GUARDIAN  
CONSTEL-  
LATION.



29 IN THE  
NORTHERN  
SKY, 47  
IN THE  
SOUTHERN  
SKY...



THE  
LOWEST?

WHICH  
MEANS...

THOSE 12  
CONSTELLATIONS OF  
THE 88 ARE GUARDIANS  
TO THE 12 YOUTHS  
WHO REPRESENT THE  
HIGHEST DEGREE  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

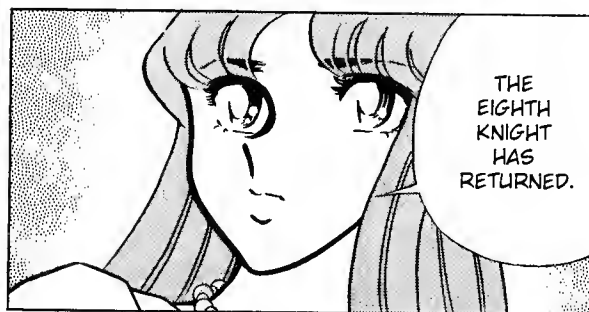
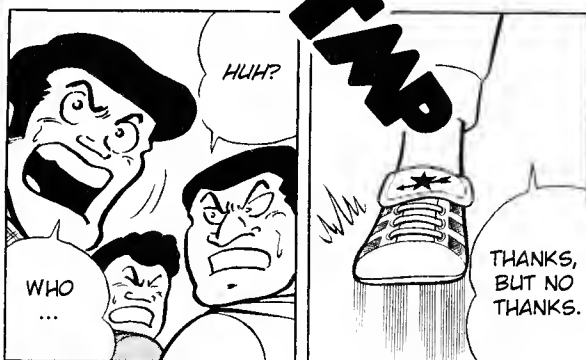
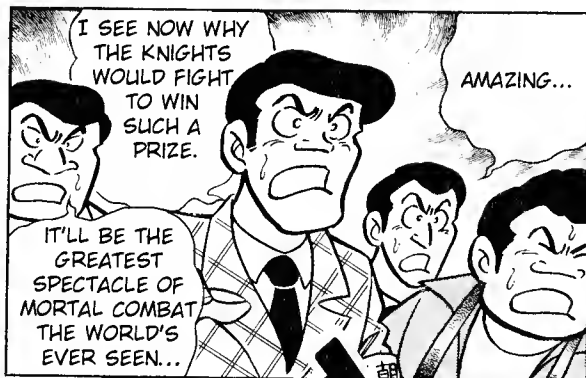
AND THE 12 ZODIACAL  
CONSTELLATIONS THAT  
LIE ON THE GOLDEN  
PATH--THE ECLIPTIC  
OF THE SUN  
BETWEEN THE  
HEMISPHERES.



THIS IS ONE OF  
THE SPECIAL  
CLOTHS WHICH  
ONLY THOSE  
12 ARE  
PERMITTED  
TO WEAR..



TO  
MP







SEIYA!!

THE  
PEGASUS  
CLOTH!

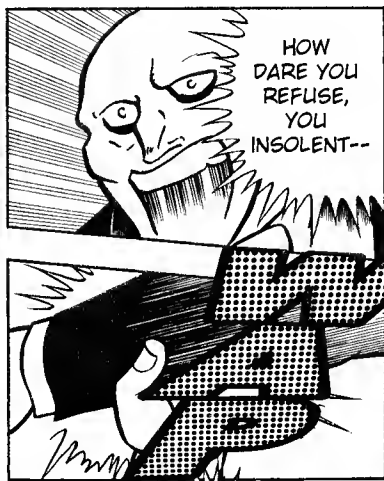
A  
PEGASUS!

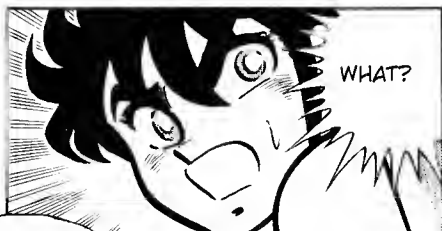
YOU  
SHOULD  
REST  
BEFORE  
BATTLE.

WELCOME  
HOME. PUT  
THE CLOTH  
ON THE  
DAIS AND  
GO.

WHAT?

DIDN'T YOU  
HEAR ME?  
I SAID  
"NO THANKS."  
I'M NOT  
FIGHTING  
IN YOUR  
TOURNAMENT.





SO  
YOU'RE  
THE  
UNICORN  
KNIGHT!!

JAB, THE  
UNICORN!!





YOU'RE  
NOT EVEN  
WORTHY  
TO WASH  
HER FEET.

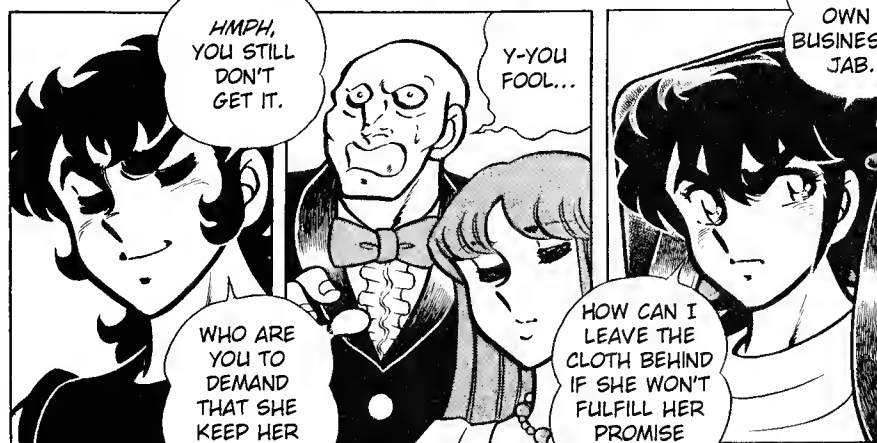
SEIYA, YOU  
REALIZE WHO  
YOU'VE BEEN  
MOUTHING  
OFF TO?

NOW, GET ON  
YOUR KNEES AND  
APOLOGIZE  
FOR YOUR  
BAD MANNERS!

THEN PUT  
YOUR CLOTH  
DOWN AND  
BEAT IT!!



MIND  
YOUR  
OWN  
BUSINESS,  
JAB.



HMPH,  
YOU STILL  
DON'T  
GET IT.

Y-YOU  
FOOL...

WHO ARE  
YOU TO  
DEMAND  
THAT SHE  
KEEP HER  
PROMISES...

HOW CAN I  
LEAVE THE  
CLOTH BEHIND  
IF SHE WON'T  
FULFILL HER  
PROMISE  
TO ME?

**SWASH!**

STOP IT,  
JAB! WHY  
SHOULD  
WE JUMP  
THROUGH  
HER  
HOOPS?

OR  
ANYTHING  
ELSE!?

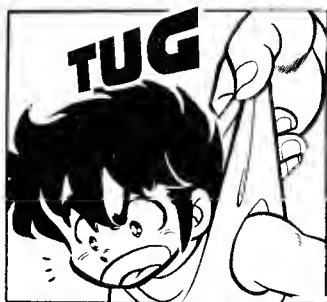
WH-  
WHAT?

**UNH!**

OH, RIGHT.  
YOU ALWAYS  
WERE HER  
LAPDOG,  
NOW THAT  
I THINK  
ABOUT IT.







LEAVE ME  
ALONE! I DON'T  
WANT TO BE  
YOUR STUPID  
HORSE!



YOU'D  
BETTER  
LEARN  
YOUR  
PLACE!



SO YOU  
SHOULD  
GLADLY  
BE OUR  
SLAVES!

TH-  
THAT'S  
MEAN!

WAAH  
...

MY GRAND-  
FATHER WAS  
KIND ENOUGH  
TO RESCUE ALL  
OF YOU FROM  
ORPHANAGES  
AND BRING YOU  
UP ON OUR  
ESTATE!

WHAP  
WHAP  
WHAP  
WHAP

BACK  
TALK  
IS NOT  
ALLOWED!



UNDERSTAND,  
SEIYA!?

I WON'T  
TOLERATE  
YOUR  
DEFIANCE  
EVER  
AGAIN!



LET GO  
OF IT,  
SEIYA!

UMPH,  
LET  
GO!



TH-THAT  
LOOK IN  
YOUR  
EYES...



OP  
SW



JERK,  
WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
ATTITUDE?

Y-YOU  
BOOT-  
LICKER!

MILADY,  
I'LL BE  
YOUR  
PONY!!

PLEASE  
SIT ON MY  
BACK!!

THANK  
YOU,  
MILADY.

JAB,  
UH,  
VERY  
WELL.



WHERE'S  
YOUR  
PRIDE,  
JAB?



SNIFF



OW



WATCH  
YOUR  
MOUTH!

**BAM**

WHAT'LL  
IT BE  
TOMORROW?

YOU LET THAT  
LITTLE  
WITCH TURN  
YOU INTO  
A BEAST OF  
BURDEN.

**THUD**

**WAP**

YOU'RE THE  
SLAVE OF  
THAT SPOILED  
GIRL!  
ARE YOU  
CRAZY!?



SHUT UP! IF  
YOU SAY  
ANYTHING  
BAD ABOUT  
PRINCESS  
SIENNA, I'LL  
KNOCK YOUR  
TEETH OUT!!

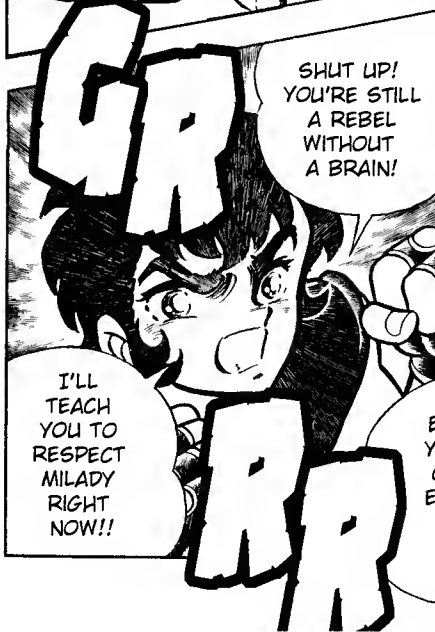
**THWAK**

NOW  
YOU'VE  
DONE IT,  
HOBBY  
HORSE!





# KA- WHAM



I'LL  
TEACH  
YOU TO  
RESPECT  
MILADY  
RIGHT  
NOW!!

SHUT UP!  
YOU'RE STILL  
A REBEL  
WITHOUT A  
BRAIN!

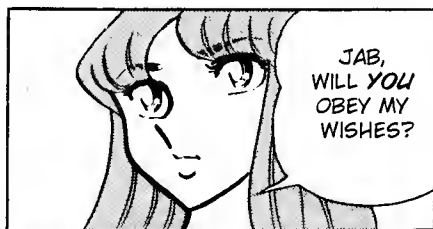


WHAT?

WHEN YOU  
GOT BACK TO  
JAPAN, WHAT  
DID SHE  
HAVE YOU  
PRETEND  
TO BE?

A HORSE  
AGAIN OR  
WERE YOU  
PROMOTED  
TO MONKEY?

EITHER WAY,  
YOU'VE STILL  
GOT A TAIL  
EVEN AFTER  
6 YEARS.



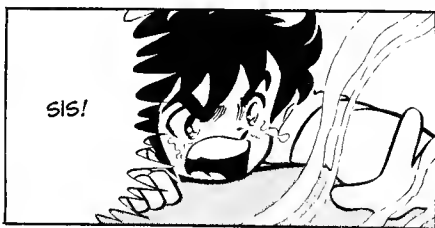
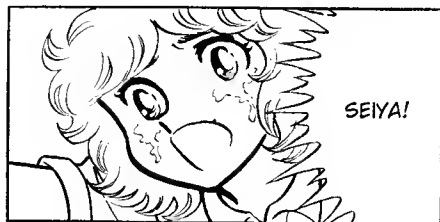
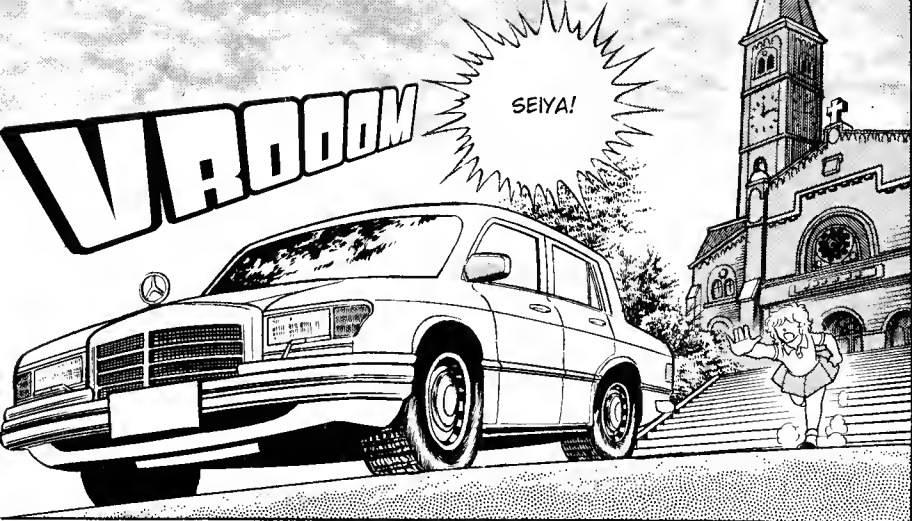
JAB,  
WILL YOU  
OBEY MY  
WISHES?



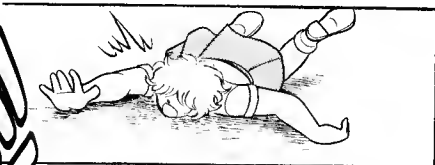
YES,  
MILADY.





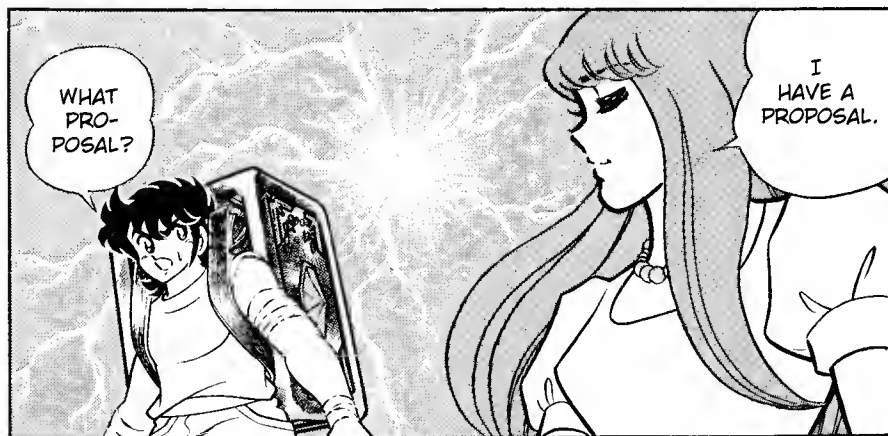
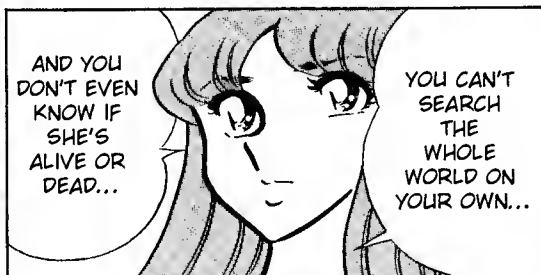
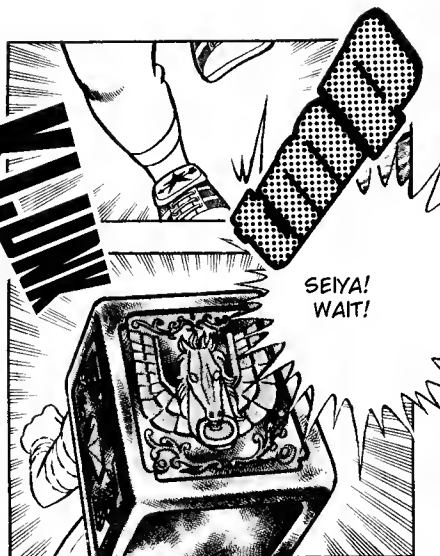


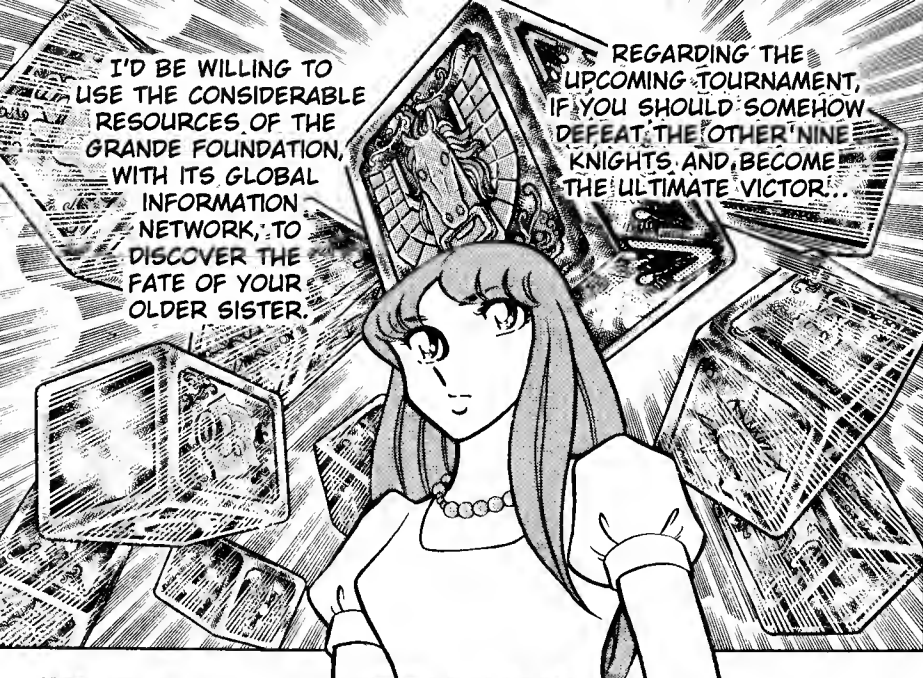
SHE  
DISAPPEARED?



SIS...







I'D BE WILLING TO  
USE THE CONSIDERABLE  
RESOURCES OF THE  
GRANDE FOUNDATION,  
WITH ITS GLOBAL  
INFORMATION  
NETWORK, TO  
DISCOVER THE  
FATE OF YOUR  
OLDER SISTER.

REGARDING THE  
UPCOMING TOURNAMENT,  
IF YOU SHOULD SOMEHOW  
DEFEAT THE OTHER NINE  
KNIGHTS AND BECOME  
THE ULTIMATE VICTOR...



WELL? IT WOULD  
BE A SIMPLE TASK  
FOR OUR  
FOUNDATION  
TO FIND HER.



HUH?

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT,  
TATSUMI.



HEY!  
STOP!

YOU DON'T  
JUST WALK  
OUT WITHOUT  
GIVING MILADY  
YOUR  
ANSWER!



I KNOW  
HIS  
DECISION.





BUT,  
MILADY, IT  
SETS A BAD  
PRECEDENT IF  
HE DOESN'T  
LEAVE THE  
CLOTH  
BEHIND.



J-JAB  
CUT  
THEM!?

THE  
STRAPS  
ON THE  
CLOTH  
BOX!?



I NEVER  
TOUCHED  
YOUR  
PERSON,  
SO JUST  
CALM  
DOWN  
AND GO.

OKAY,  
SEIYA.



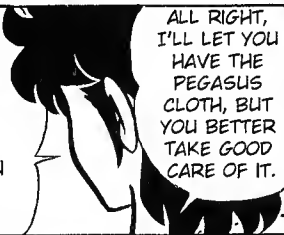
BUT I  
DIDN'T EVEN  
SEE HIS  
HANDS  
MOVE...

B-BUT  
WHEN  
DID HE...

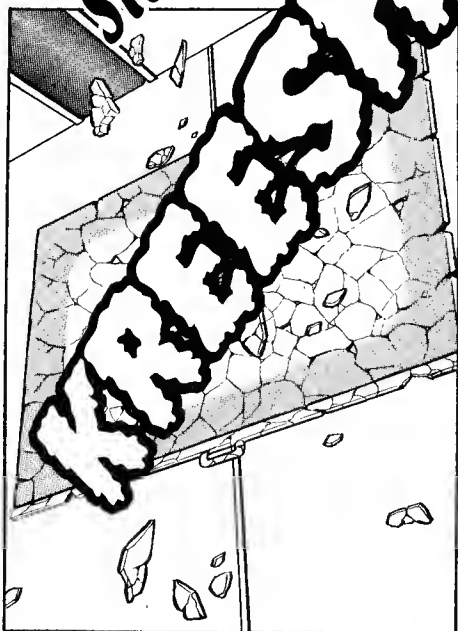
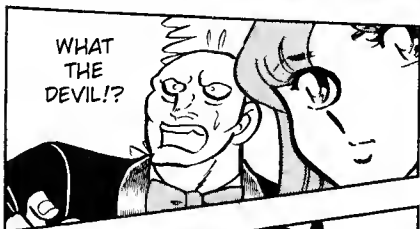


IF YOU  
DENT IT  
OR  
SCRATCH  
IT, I'LL  
MAKE YOU  
SORRY.

ALL RIGHT,  
I'LL LET YOU  
HAVE THE  
PEGASUS  
CLOTH, BUT  
YOU BETTER  
TAKE GOOD  
CARE OF IT.



HMMM, I  
THOUGHT I  
HEARD THE  
SOUND OF  
SNAPPING  
BEFORE.





I THOUGHT  
I BLOCKED  
ALL OF  
SEIYA'S  
BLOWS  
BEFORE.

GEEZ!  
THE WALL  
BEHIND THE  
SCREEN!

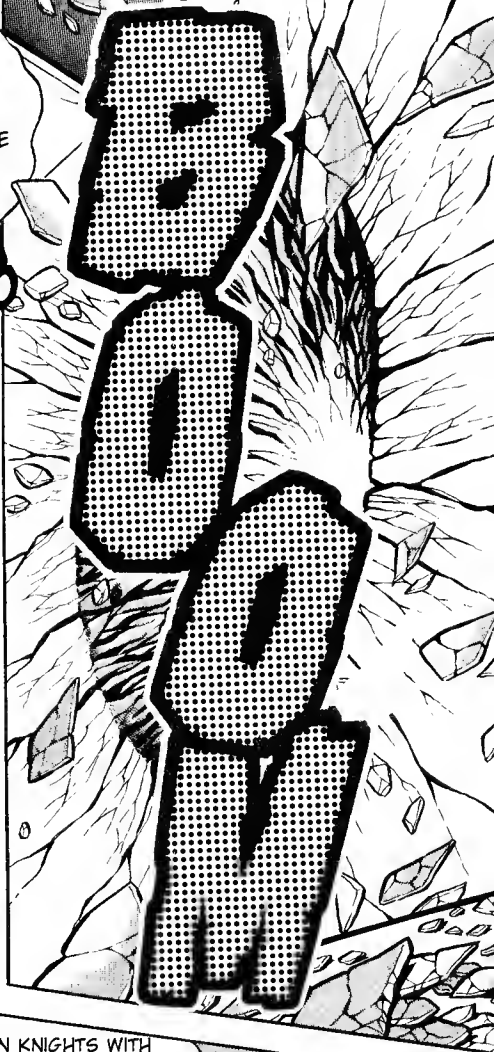
**GASP!**



**W  
U  
M  
P**

MACH... NO,  
FASTER THAN  
THAT. WHAT  
A MIGHTY  
UNIVERSE  
SEIYA HAS  
ACQUIRED...

IN THAT  
INSTANT HE  
THREW MANY  
BLOWS I  
NEVER EVEN  
SAW.



THE CURTAIN IS  
ABOUT TO RISE  
ON THE GREATEST  
BATTLE OF  
HISTORY.

BUT IF TEN KNIGHTS WITH  
SUCH AWESOME POWER WERE  
TO COLLIDE IN BATTLE, WHAT A  
FEARSOME SPECTACLE THAT  
WOULD BE.

WHOA... NOW  
WE'VE WITNESSED  
IN ACTION WHAT  
WE SAW IN  
THOSE SLIDES.



WHAT  
IF HE  
DECIDES  
TO RUN  
AWAY?

M-MILADY, ARE  
YOU SURE WE  
SHOULD ALLOW  
SEIYA TO GO?

AFTER ALL,  
HE HAS TO  
FIGHT IF HE  
EVER WANTS  
TO SEE  
HIS SISTER  
AGAIN.

I TOLD  
YOU, I  
ALREADY  
KNOW  
SEIYA'S  
DECISION...

# CENTURY BEGINS!

IN ADDITION TO  
THE PRESS FROM  
AROUND THE WORLD,  
FANS HOPING TO  
CATCH EVEN A  
SINGLE GLIMPSE  
OF THE KNIGHTS'  
BATTLE CONTINUE  
TO POUR INTO  
THE COUNTRY!!

HERE AT  
NEW TOKYO  
INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, IT  
SEEMS LIKE THE  
ENTIRE WORLD IS  
CONVERGING  
ON JAPAN!

## Chapter 4: The Galaxy Tournament

**BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAB**



# THE BATTLE OF THE



IT'S A  
MODERN-DAY  
ROMAN  
COLOSSEUM!!

ALTHOUGH  
THE OPENING  
CEREMONIES  
ARE STILL A  
WEEK AWAY,  
THERE ARE  
ALREADY  
LONG LINES  
SNAKING  
AROUND THE  
ARENA...

AND THIS ARENA  
WAS CONSTRUCTED  
BY OUR COUNTRY'S  
FAMOUS GRANDE  
FOUNDATION...



AND ITS  
CALLED  
GRANDE  
COLISEUM!!

chatter

Star Children  
Academy  
Child Home

chatter

chatter

PRINCESS  
SIENNA HAS  
RECONSTRUCTED,  
IN CONTEMPORARY  
FORM, THE ROMAN  
COLISEUM RIGHT  
HERE IN JAPAN!

chatter

GET 'EM, SEIYA!  
ALL OF US  
ORPHANS AT  
STAR CHILDREN  
ACADEMY  
ARE ROOTING  
FOR YOU!

WOW! IS  
THAT WHERE  
YOU'RE GONNA  
FIGHT, BIG  
BROTHER  
SEIYA!?



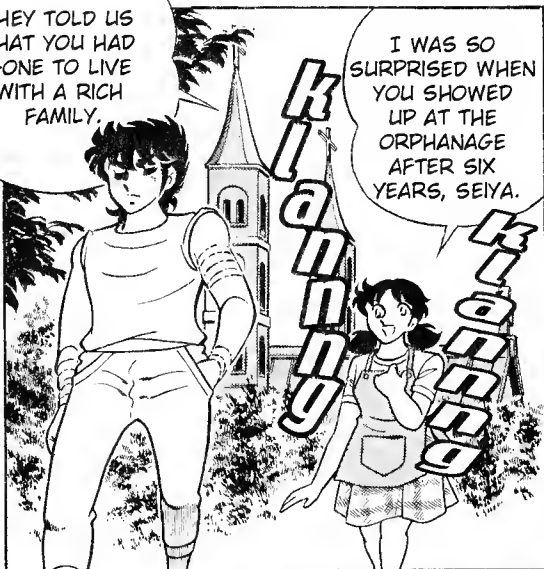
IF YOU  
LOSE,  
WE'LL  
NEVER  
FORGIVE  
YOU!

YOU IN  
A BAD  
MOOD  
TODAY,  
SEIYA?



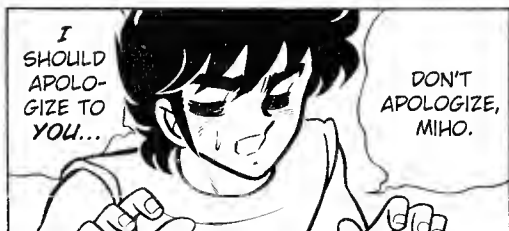


THEY TOLD US THAT YOU HAD GONE TO LIVE WITH A RICH FAMILY.



AND I LOVE CHILDREN.







SEIKA, IF I  
KEEP WINNING,  
WILL YOU NOTICE?  
I WONDER...



WHICH  
MEANS  
YOU HAVE  
TO WIN,  
SEIYA!



YOU HAVE  
TO WIN, AND  
YOU HAVE TO  
KEEP WINNING!!

THE  
CHILDREN AND  
I WILL BE  
ROOTING FOR  
YOU WITH  
ALL OUR  
HEARTS!



UNTIL YOUR  
BIG SISTER  
HEARS  
ABOUT YOU...

TH-  
THANKS,  
MIHO...



SO DO  
YOUR  
BEST,  
SEIYA!





THE  
OPENING  
CEREMONIES!!

THE EVENT THE  
WHOLE WORLD  
HAS BEEN WAITING  
FOR IS FINALLY  
ABOUT TO BEGIN!

BUT THOSE SPECTATORS WHO WERE UNABLE TO GET INSIDE ARE STILL PACKED AROUND THE COLISEUM, STILL HOPING TO GET A TASTE OF THE EXCITEMENT!

DETAILS OF THE BOUTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON EXTERIOR MONITORS.

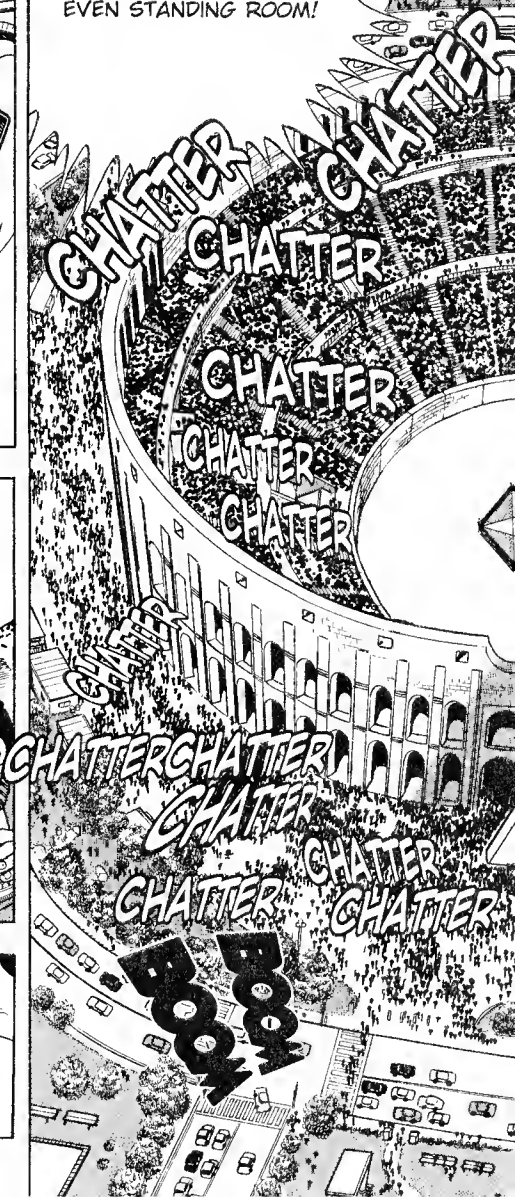
EVEN IN GRANDE COLISEUM, WHICH SEATS 100,000 PEOPLE, THERE'S NO LONGER EVEN STANDING ROOM!

THIS BETTER BE WORTH WAITING IN LINE FOR A WEEK WITHOUT SLEEP!

NOW, IT'S FINALLY GOING TO START!

HUH?

HUH





I HEARD THAT  
THE COLISEUM  
OF ANCIENT  
ROME COULD  
OPEN AND  
CLOSE ITS  
CEILING,  
TOO!

THEY'RE  
CLOSING  
THE  
DOME!!

WOW! SO  
WHETHER IT  
RAINS WATER  
OR SPEARS,  
WE'LL BE  
ALL RIGHT!

THE SKY... NO  
THE INTERIOR OF  
THE DOME HAS  
TRANSFORMED  
INTO A  
STAR-FILLED  
SKY!!

N-NO,  
WAIT,  
LOOK  
UP!

WH-WHAT THE...  
IT'S OKAY TO  
CLOSE THE  
DOME, BUT  
IT'S PITCH  
BLACK IN  
HERE!

HUH?

THEY  
COULD  
AT LEAST  
TURN THE  
LIGHTS  
ON!

SINCE THE  
AGE OF  
MYTHS,  
THESE  
MORTAL  
BATTLES OF  
THE KNIGHTS  
HAVE  
TRADITIONALLY  
HAD NO  
RULES.

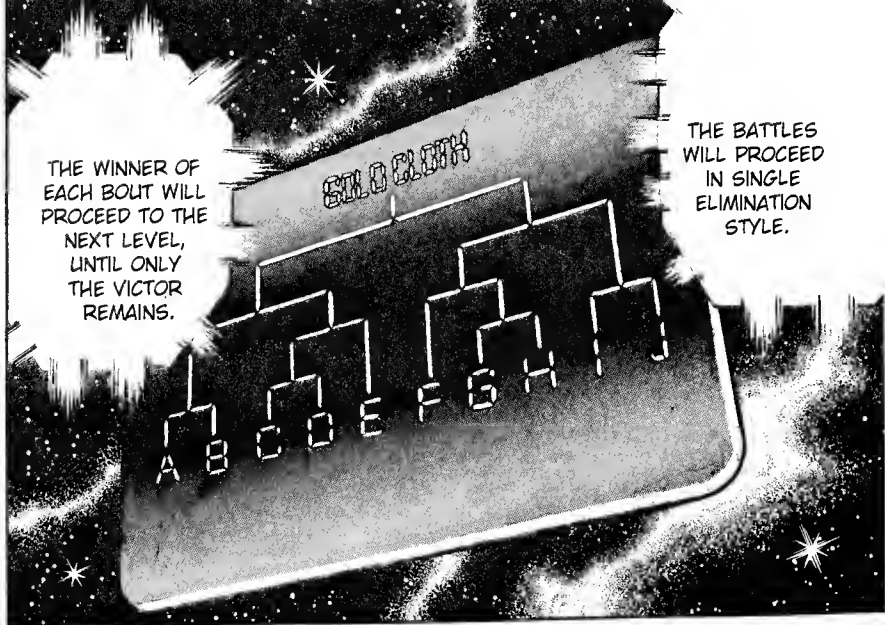
BUT BECAUSE OF  
OUR RESPECT FOR  
HUMAN LIFE, WE  
WILL BE IMPOSING  
A MINIMAL SET  
OF RULES  
UPON THIS  
TOURNAMENT.

WHOA!  
WHAT  
THE  
HELL IS  
THAT!?

PLASMA SCREENS  
HAVE FLOWN IN  
FROM SOMEWHERE  
AND ARE HOVERING  
IN MID-AIR!

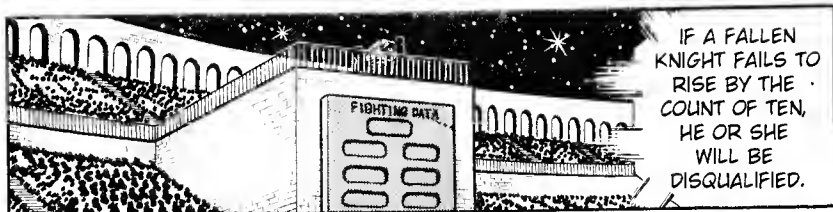
LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN,  
WELCOME  
TO GRANDE  
COLISEUM.

BEFORE THE  
BATTLES BEGIN,  
WE'LL EXPLAIN  
A FEW THINGS.



THE WINNER OF EACH BOUT WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT LEVEL, UNTIL ONLY THE VICTOR REMAINS.

THE BATTLES WILL PROCEED IN SINGLE ELIMINATION STYLE.

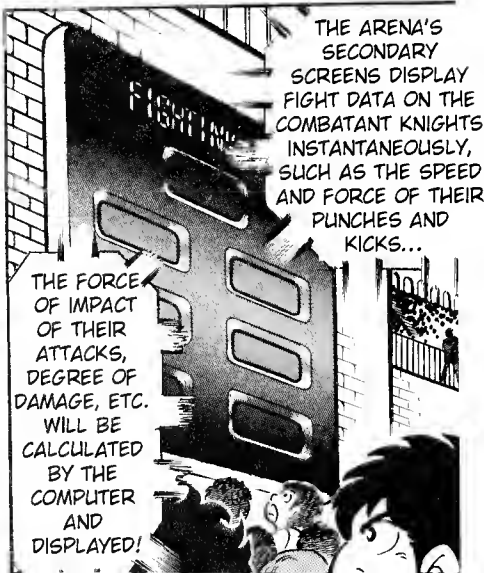


IF A FALLEN KNIGHT FAILS TO RISE BY THE COUNT OF TEN, HE OR SHE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.



THESE BRAVE COMBATANTS KNOW THAT THEY COULD LOSE THEIR LIVES HERE TODAY!

FINALLY, THERE ARE NO FOULS OR ILLEGAL BLOWS-- ANYTHING GOES!



THE ARENA'S SECONDARY SCREENS DISPLAY FIGHT DATA ON THE COMBATANT KNIGHTS INSTANTANEOUSLY, SUCH AS THE SPEED AND FORCE OF THEIR PUNCHES AND KICKS...


THE FORCE OF IMPACT OF THEIR ATTACKS, DEGREE OF DAMAGE, ETC. WILL BE CALCULATED BY THE COMPUTER AND DISPLAYED!



THE GOLDEN  
CLOTH, GRANTED  
TO ONLY 12 OF  
THE 88 KNIGHTS,  
THE TANGIBLE  
SYMBOL OF  
THE HIGHEST  
DEGREE OF  
KNIGHTHOOD!

AND TO THE  
KNIGHT WHO  
DEFEATS ALL  
TO WIN THE  
TOURNAMENT  
GOES THE  
FABLED  
GOLDEN  
CLOTH!

AND NOW  
LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN,  
PLEASE TURN  
YOUR ATTENTION  
TO THE CENTER  
OF THE  
HEAVENS.



THE FOUNDER  
OF THIS  
TOURNAMENT,  
PRINCESS SIENNA,  
WOULD LIKE TO  
OFFER ALL OF  
YOU A FEW  
WORDS OF  
GREETING.

WHOA!  
THERE'S  
THE GOLDEN  
CLOTH BOX!

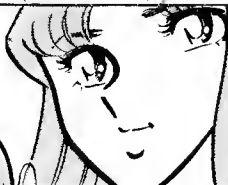
I  
WONDER  
WHAT IT  
LOOKS  
LIKE.

WHOA!

WHAT'S  
THAT!?

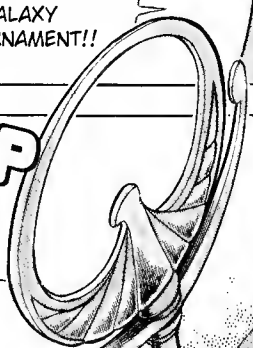


WHICH IS WHY I  
HAVE NAMED THIS  
CONTEST THE  
GALAXY  
TOURNAMENT!!



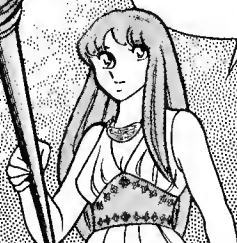
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
AS YOU KNOW, EACH  
KNIGHT HAS A GUARDIAN  
CONSTELLATION, WHOSE  
FORM THEY WEAR ON  
THEIR CLOTH.

**WIP**

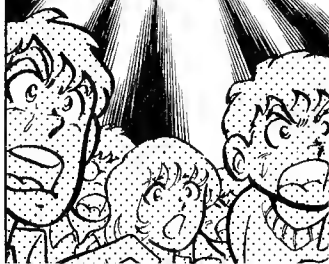


WHO SHALL BE  
THE VICTOR OF  
THE WORLD'S  
FIRST GALAXY  
TOURNAMENT?

WHICH KNIGHT  
SHALL WIN  
THE GOLDEN  
CLOTH? THAT  
WILL SOON BE  
DECIDED...



**GALAXY  
TOURNAMENT!!**





WHOA!  
WHAT ARE  
THOSE!?

FWASH

THEY'RE  
METEORS!

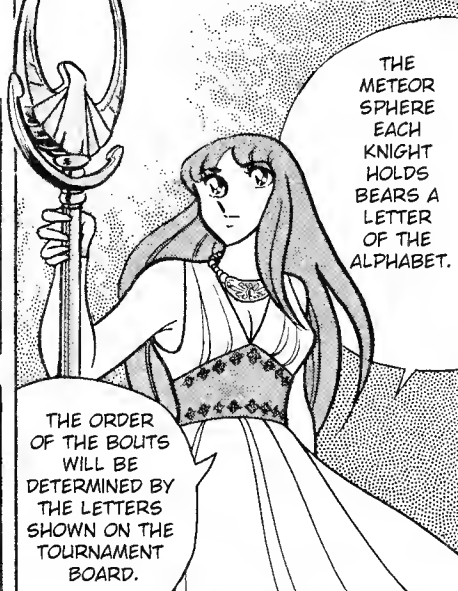
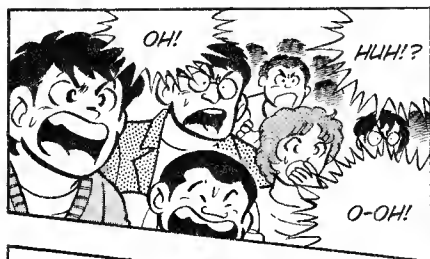
TEN METEORS  
FLEW OUT OF  
THE TIP OF THE  
GOLDEN STAFF  
PRINCESS SIENNA  
IS HOLDING!!

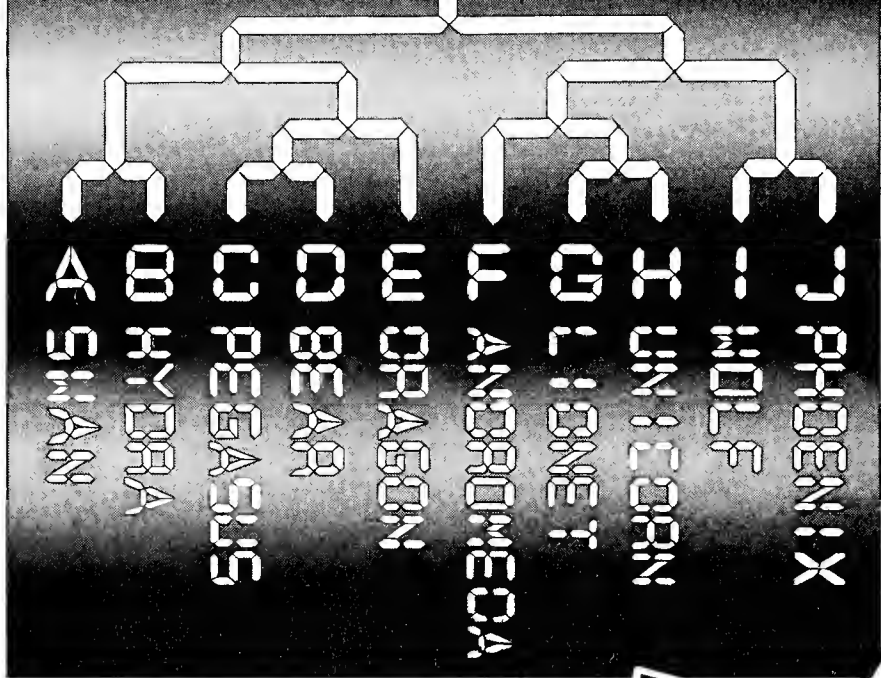
THAT'S  
A  
COOL  
TRICK!



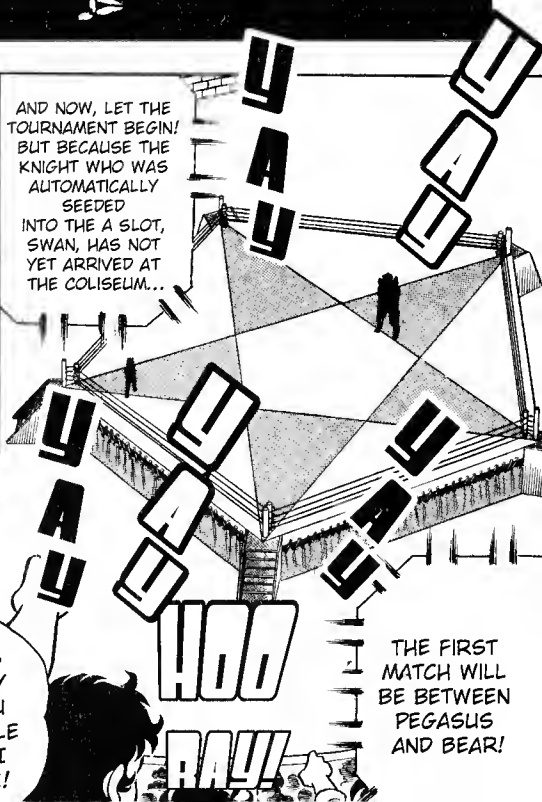
# SNAP!



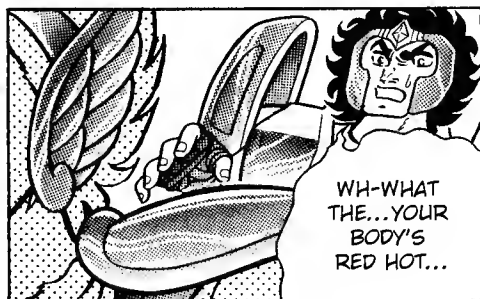




AND NOW, LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN! BUT BECAUSE THE KNIGHT WHO WAS AUTOMATICALLY SEEDD INTO THE A SLOT, SWAN, HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT THE COLISEUM...



THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE BETWEEN PEGASUS AND BEAR!



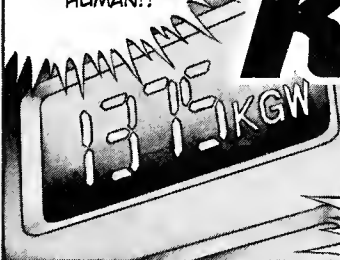




BOO-YA!  
SEIYA  
IMMEDIATELY  
HAMMERS  
GEKI WITH A  
JUMP KICK!

INCREDIBLE!  
AN IMPACT LIKE  
THAT WOULD HAVE  
RUPTURED THE  
INTERNAL ORGANS  
OF A NORMAL  
HUMAN!!

**K  
LI  
K**



THE FORCE OF  
THAT MOVE IS  
REGISTERING AS  
1,375 KGW  
ON THE FIGHT  
DATA DISPLAY!







I  
IMAGINED  
YOU'D HAVE  
A MORE  
IMPRESSIVE  
KICK!

WHEN I HEARD  
YOU TRAINED  
IN GREECE, THE  
BIRTHPLACE OF  
THE KNIGHTS...



ONLY  
1,375  
KGW,  
EH?

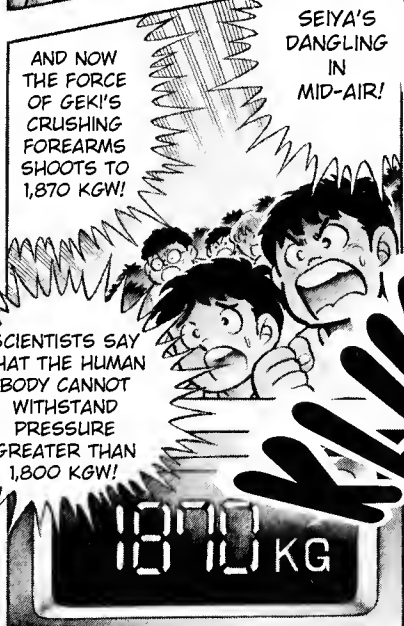
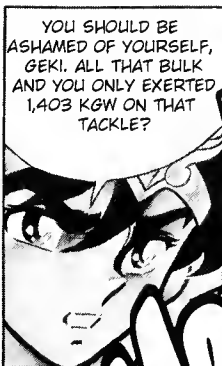


**WHAM!**

1,403  
KGW!!

AND  
SEIYA  
GOES  
DOWN  
HARD!!

WHOA!  
GEKI THROWS  
HIS GREAT  
MASS INTO  
A CRUSHING  
TACKLE!



IN THE WILDS  
OF THE ROCKY  
MOUNTAINS, WHERE  
I WAS TRAINED,  
WE WERE FORCED  
TO LIFT GIANT  
GRIZZLY BEARS  
LIKE THIS! I MUST  
HAVE CRUSHED  
HUNDREDS!!

IT'S  
OVER  
FOR  
YOU,  
SENYA.

THE  
BEAR IS  
CRUSHING  
HIM!!

KLICK

YOU'RE  
JUST A  
KITTEN  
NEXT TO  
THOSE  
BRUTES!

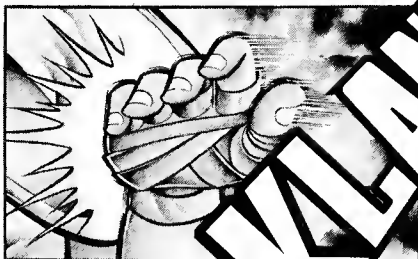
1000KG



LINH...  
LINNH  
...

CAN EVEN  
A KNIGHT  
ENDURE  
SUCH  
PUNISH-  
MENT!?

THE FIGHT  
DATA SHOWS  
THE FORCE  
AT 1,900  
KGW!



FOOL, THIS HOLD  
DENIES YOU THE  
LEVERAGE TO  
EXERT YOUR  
STRENGTH, EVEN  
IF YOU COULD  
MOUNT AN  
ATTACK!

NOW,  
SURRENDER,  
YOU  
STUBBORN  
MIDGET!!



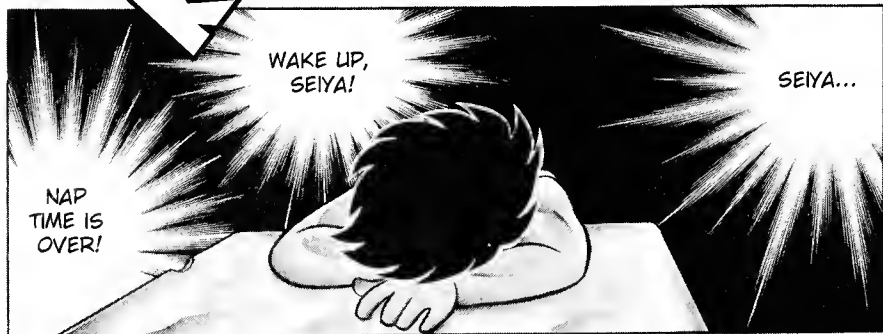
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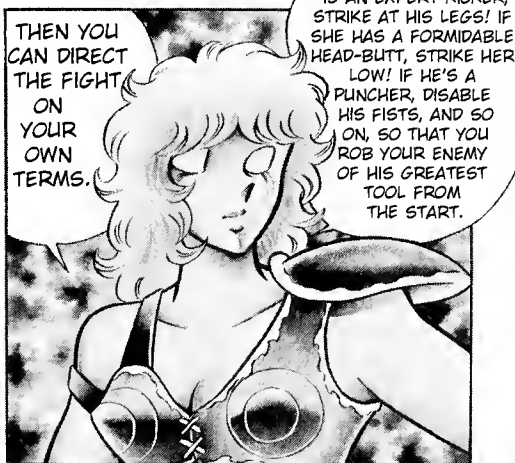
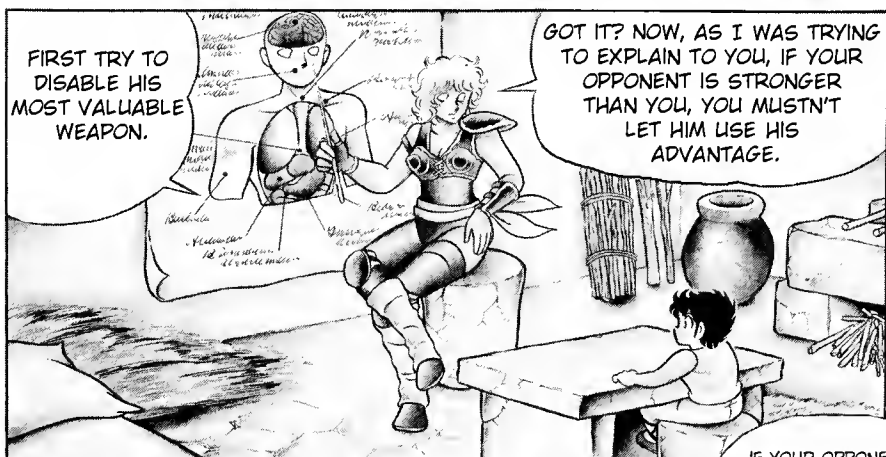
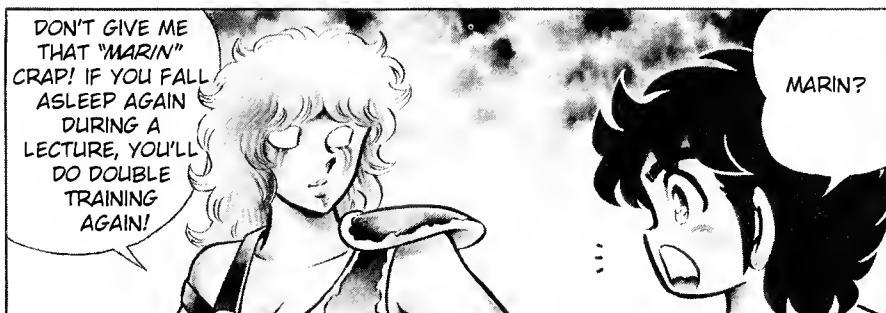


I-IF THEY  
DON'T STOP  
THIS SOON,  
HE'LL BE  
KILLED!


LOOK! SEIYA'S  
FACE IS TURNING  
COLORS! HE MAY  
ALREADY BE  
UNCONSCIOUS!

NO!  
PLEASE  
STOP IT  
ALREADY!





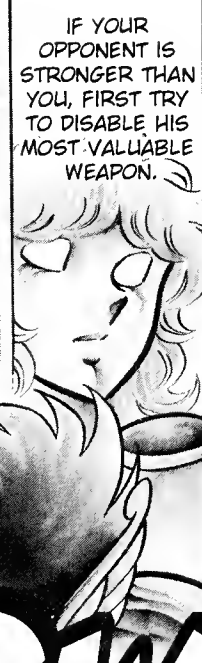





ROB YOUR  
ENEMY OF  
HIS GREATEST  
TOOL...



THESE  
TWO ARMS...  
TWO ARMS...




IF YOUR  
OPPONENT IS  
STRONGER THAN  
YOU, FIRST TRY  
TO DISABLE HIS  
MOST VALUABLE  
WEAPON.



MY DEADLIEST  
WEAPONS AREN'T  
MY KICK OR MY  
TACKLE! THEY'RE  
THESE TWO  
ARMS...




SWAK



STILL STRUGGLING,  
EH? WELL, YOU'RE  
TENACIOUS, I'LL GIVE  
YOU THAT...




HUH?



IT'S SILLY FOR  
YOU TO THINK  
YOU CAN PRY  
THEM LOOSE  
WITH YOUR  
PUNY  
FINGERS.

THESE ARMS ARE  
THE PROOF OF MY  
WORTHINESS FOR  
KNIGHTHOOD!!



I TOLD YOU  
THAT I'VE  
CRUSHED  
TO DEATH  
HUNDREDS  
OF BEARS  
WITH THESE  
ARMS!

BUT  
WHAT  
CAN YOU  
ACCOM-  
PLISH  
AT THIS  
POINT?



NO WAY!  
THE FORCE  
HAS  
REACHED  
3,000 KGW!

HE'LL  
TURN  
SEIYA'S  
NECK  
TO PULP!



DIE!

STOP  
WASTING  
MY  
TIME!



SNAP!



GASP!



IT  
WASN'T  
SEIYA'S  
NECK THAT  
CRACKED...

OH!

K  
R  
R  
K

HOW!?



BUT  
THE CLOTH  
PROTECTING  
GEKI'S  
FOREARMS!!

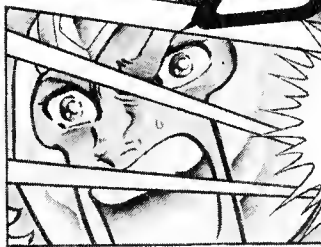
IT SWITCHED  
TO THE DATA  
COMING FROM  
SEIYA'S GRIP  
ON BOTH  
OF GEKI'S  
ARMS!!

THE  
PRESSURE  
JUST  
KEEPS  
CLIMBING...

THEN  
HALFWAY  
THROUGH THE  
FIGHT, SEIYA'S  
POWER WAS  
BEING  
DISPLAYED,  
NOT GEKI'S!

WHOA!

CRASH



IMPOSSIBLE!



FOOM

HOW CAN  
YOUR TINY  
ARMS  
HAVE SO  
MUCH  
POWER?



U-UN-  
BELIEV-  
ABLE....



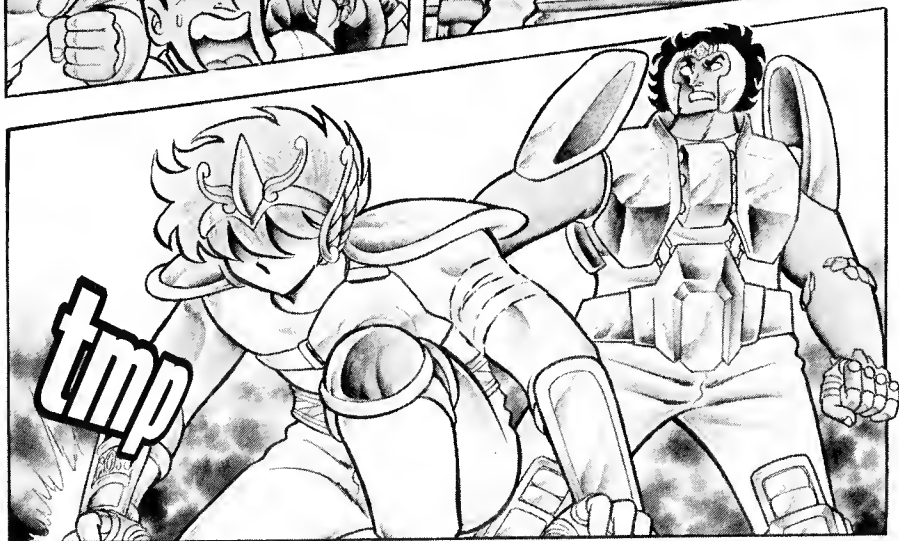


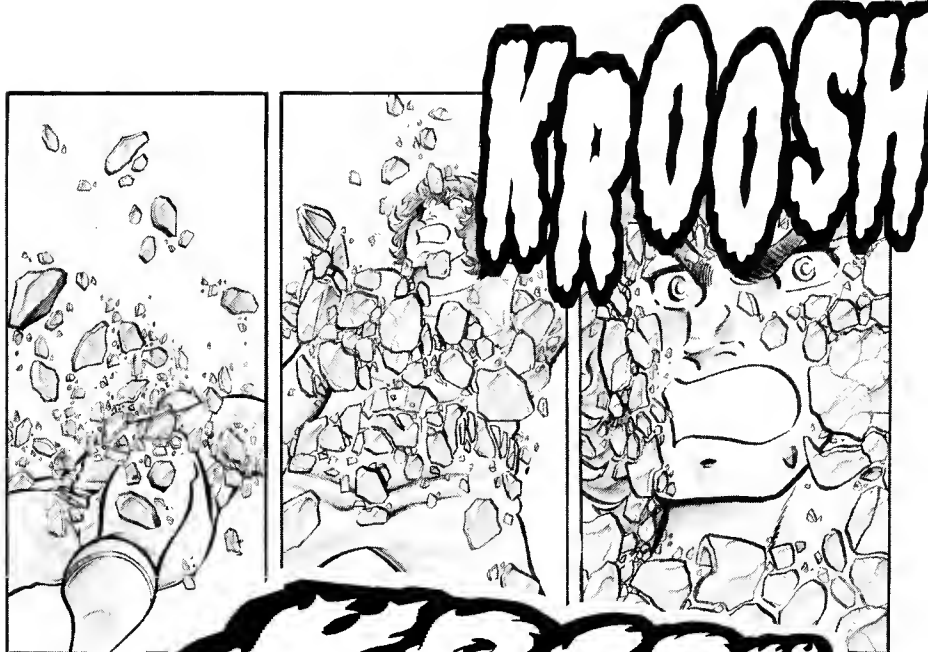
GAME OVER  
WINNER  
PEGASUS

KLIK

THAT'S  
NOT RIGHT!  
GEKI'S STILL  
STANDING!

THE  
COMPUTER  
DECLARES  
SEIYA THE  
WINNER!?



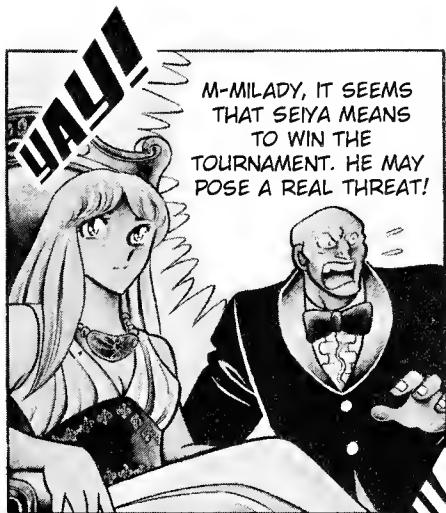


N-NO  
WAY!  
WITH A  
SINGLE  
KICK?

HOW COULD  
GEKI'S CLOTH  
POSSIBLY  
DISINTEGRATE  
LIKE THAT?

BUT THE KICKS  
WERE TOO  
FAST TO BE  
SEEN BY THE  
HUMAN EYE...

IT WASN'T JUST  
ONE BLOW! SEIYA  
KICKED HIM  
HUNDREDS  
OF TIMES...



M-MILADY, IT SEEMS  
THAT SEIYA MEANS  
TO WIN THE  
TOURNAMENT. HE MAY  
POSE A REAL THREAT!

DUE TO THE  
SEVERITY OF THE  
DAMAGE SUFFERED  
BY GEKI, THE BEAR,  
HE WON'T BE ABLE  
TO CONTINUE!  
THEREFORE,  
PEGASUS  
ADVANCES TO  
THE SECOND  
ROUND!!

WOW!  
SEIYA  
UPSET  
THAT  
GIANT!



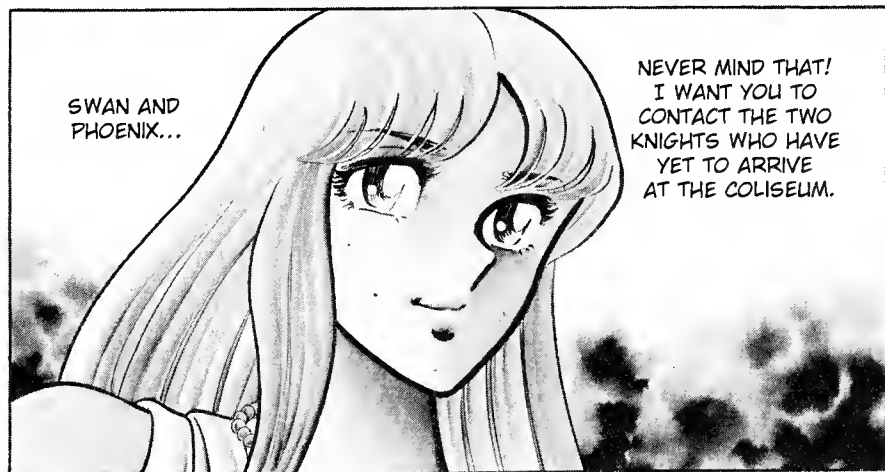
IF WORST  
COMES TO WORST  
AND HE SHOULD  
WIN...

HA!



PEGASUS  
SCORES  
THE FIRST  
POINT!

WAY  
TO  
GO,  
SEIYA!



SWAN AND  
PHOENIX...

NEVER MIND THAT!  
I WANT YOU TO  
CONTACT THE TWO  
KNIGHTS WHO HAVE  
YET TO ARRIVE  
AT THE COLISEUM.



YOU DIDN'T EVEN  
REALIZE THAT  
SEIYA HAD  
CRUSHED BOTH  
YOUR WRISTS...

GEKI YOU  
FOOL! YOU'RE  
THE ONLY ONE  
SURPRISED  
BY YOUR  
DEFEAT!



YOU HAVE  
TO BE  
ON YOUR  
GUARD WITH  
THAT SEIYA  
GUY.

FIGHTING A  
KNIGHT IS A  
LOT DIFFERENT  
FROM  
WRESTLING  
TEDDY BEARS,  
EH, GEKI?



HE'LL  
BE A  
SERIOUS  
OBSTACLE  
FOR ALL  
OF US!

HE  
POSSESSES  
A FEARSOME  
INNER  
UNIVERSE!



THE ONE WHO WINS  
THE GOLDEN CLOTH  
WILL BECOME ONE  
OF THE TWELVE  
RULING KNIGHTS!

BUT I WILL  
NOT HAND  
OVER THE  
GOLDEN  
CLOTH TO  
ANYONE!



**CLOTH**

**LIONET**

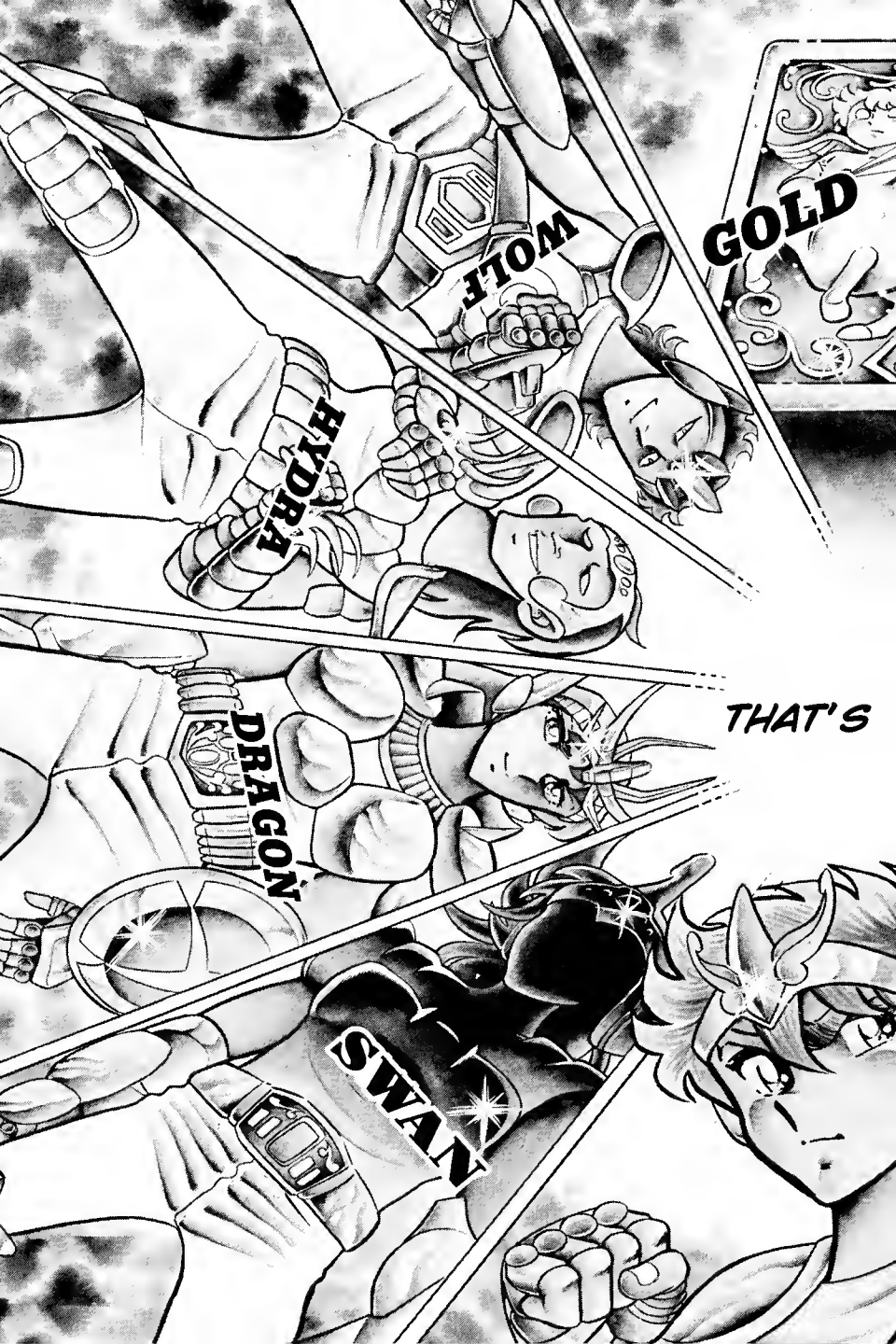
**ANDROMEDA**

**ME!!**

**UNICORN**

**PHOENIX**

**PEGASUS**



**GOLD**

**WOLF**

**HYDRA**

**DRAGON**

**SWAN**

**THAT'S**





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It's been about 1 year since my last title, *Otoko Zaka*, which I regret being unfinished. It feels like it's been quite a long time since I published a graphic novel. I started creating my current title *Knights of the Zodiac (Saint Seiya)*, to target a mainstream audience from the start, totally unlike my previous work. And so *Saint Seiya* will become a TV anime in October. Although there are pros and cons to this, going mainstream will most definitely light up fireworks for my manga.

-Masami Kurumada, 1986



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